

Expectation

Oil



Oil prices rose on Friday, on track to end higher this week after two straight weeks of losses, after a top U.S. official expressed optimism over economic growth and as supply concerns lingered due to conflicts in the Middle East. Brent Crude oil futures gained 31 cents, or 0.4%, to \$89.32 a barrel from the morning. Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen told Reuters on Thursday U.S. GDP growth for the first quarter could be revised higher, and inflation will ease after a clutch of "peculiar" factors held the economy to its weakest showing in nearly two years.

Gas



Gas prices rose again on a back of colder conditions that has put a marginal drop in storages. A train outage at Freeport LNG terminal, the only one out of three not currently out for maintenance, in US caused concerns while Norway pipelines are under maintenance limiting their exports to the lowest since February. There also seems to be consensus of a technical bounce following the recent drop in prices. This morning has started up as well but could lose some momentum during the day.

Coal



Yesterday, the price change in nearest coal quotations were slightly up (0.1%-1.8%) but following years were slightly down (-0.1%-0.2%). The other energy commodities moved slightly up. We expect only minor movements in coal today and expected direction may be influenced largely by movements from energy complex rather than coal specific fundamentals. They may be a weak trend up in coal but no reason to expect larger movements because of fragile macro environment. The expectation today is slightly up.

Carbon



Technically, the emission rights bounced at the expected level of 65 EUR/tonne mark and was able to climb all the way to a slight resistance area of 70 EUR/mark yesterday. The close was lower at 68,5 EUR/tonne and after the move with lower net positions in mind, it seems like it is going to be a calmer day depending on the gas market that had a similar development lately. Range trading in 65-70 area is probably going to be the play for some days now.

Hydro



The market is still waiting for the spring thaw to kick in but it will be a short lived period where the temperature now is rising before it is turning colder again. EC00 is choosing the same pattern as for EC12 which was dry and cold in the end. It turns out at 2,5 TWh which is 1,5 TWh below normal. Temperature is lower in the end which delays the snowmelt. The GFS forecast is wetter at 5,5 TWh where the low pressures system hits Scandinavia and do not go south and down on the continent. The influence from the high in the east and north is lower in this forecast. Hydrological balance is at a deficit of 2 TWh in the end of the period.

Germany



With the recent rise on the gas market, German power prices also lifted yesterday where the front year contract increased by nearly 2 EUR/MWh to close at 90,30 EUR/MWh. There is fears of gas supplies in the near term should there be any geopolitical worsening as well as the recent cold period which has depleted the gas storages marginally in Europe. Next week temperatures are expected to rise in the continent which could limit today's upside.

Equities



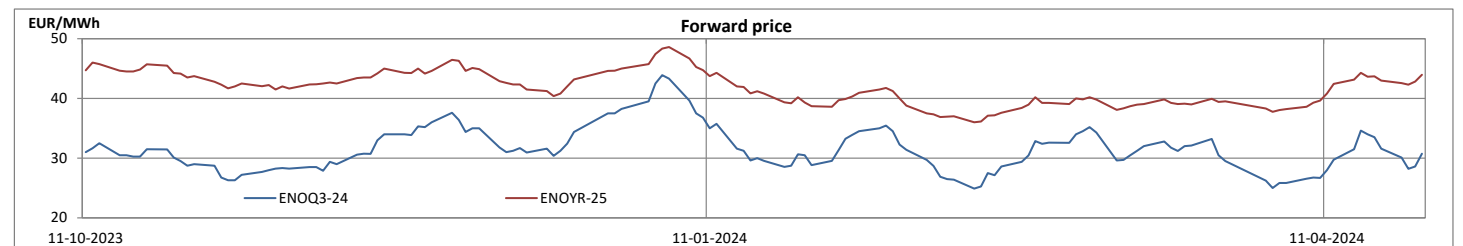
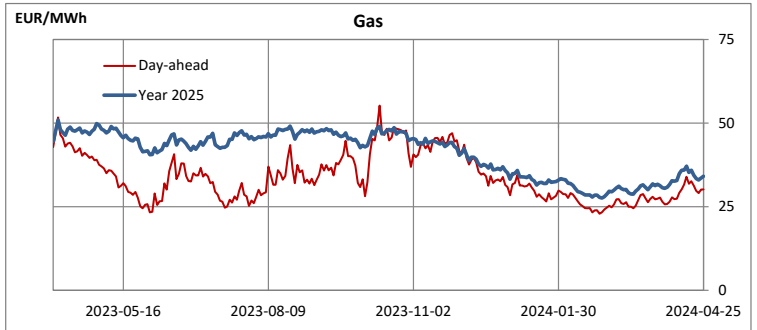
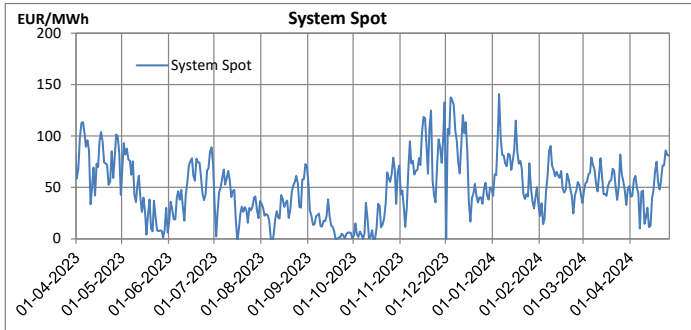
It was a bumpy ride for the Stoxx 600 yesterday which started up but later during the day it shed 1,3% to close down 0,64%. The loss was attributed to a weak GDP out of US for Q1 that also pulled down the US stock markets. After the US stock markets closed some of the big US tech companies presented their Q1 earnings that came out higher than expected which seems to lift the markets this morning.

Conclusion



With the recent weather forecasts showing drier weather the Nordic power prices went higher yesterday where the Q3-24 and Cal-25 contracts rose by 2,15 and 1,21 EUR/MWh resp. Furthermore, the upturn on the German power and gas prices is also a bullish factor for the Nordics. The weather forecasts sends mixed signals this morning as they show rising temperatures in the short term but also lower precipitation that decreases the hydro balance.

Spot	DK1	DK2	SE3	SE4	HEL	OSL	SYS	Forwards	DK1	DK2	SE3	SE4	HEL	OSL	SYS	Gas	TTF
24-apr	94,00	96,60	96,60	96,60	98,62	73,50	85,96	May	60,65	63,15	31,40	44,18	36,90	40,65	34,90	Day-ahead	30,19
25-apr	90,63	90,84	90,84	90,84	86,73	73,58	81,69	Q3-24	71,88	69,75	24,65	35,13	37,35	38,75	30,75	Year 2025	34,11
26-apr	86,01	86,02	84,61	84,80	97,11	82,61	80,72	2025	85,20	80,70	38,25	50,45	48,80	52,95	43,95		



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