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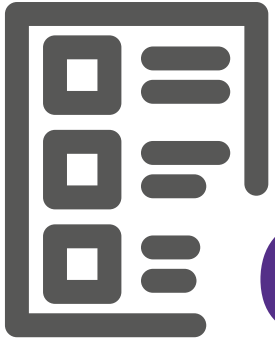


Monthly Market Insight



**April
2025**

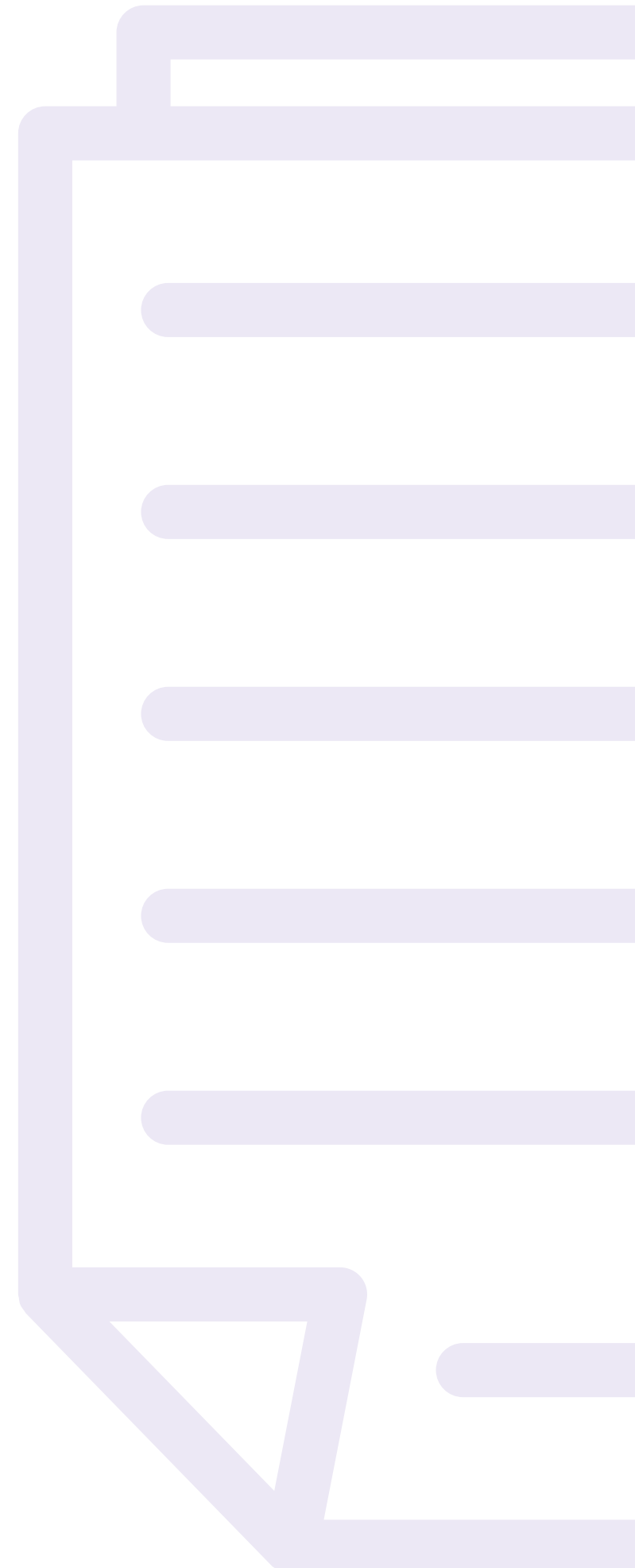
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Commentary:

The month of April was largely dominated by the geopolitical news break on the 2nd of April, as US President Donald Trump, announced a sweeping set of tariffs, arguing that they would allow the United States to economically flourish. These new import taxes, which Trump imposed via executive order, sent shockwaves through global markets.

High temperatures, increased wind generation and a continued flow of LNG into the UK, despite remaining relatively flat, supported downward pressure on prices, counteracting supply concerns.





Drivers

- **US/ Ukraine** have agreed to establish a reconstruction investment fund, a deal seen to be key in ensuring its access to future US military aid in its war against Russia.

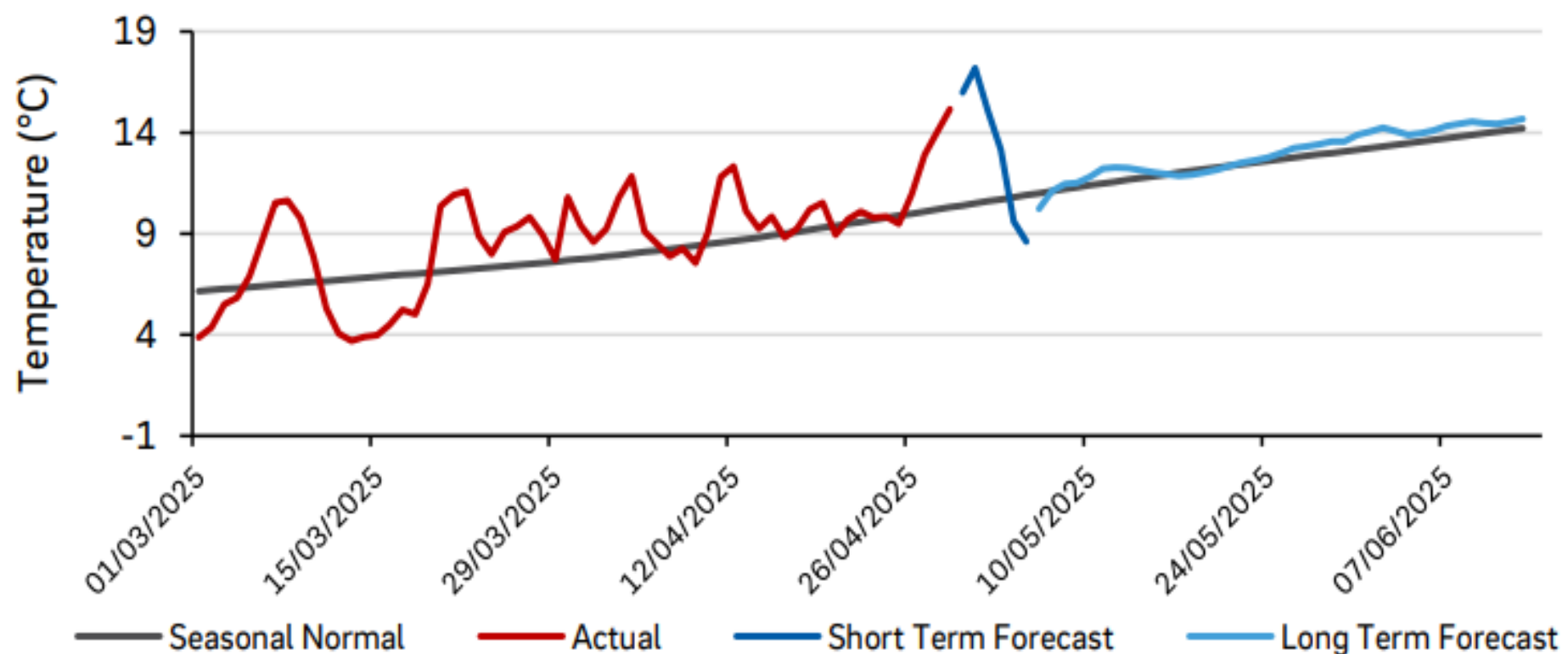
President Trump has previously called for Kyiv to compensate Washington for billions of dollars in assistance to help repel the Kremlin's forces.

In return the US is set to get preferential access to any new deals concerning Ukraine's minerals resources.

- **European Storage** levels rose by 4%, adding further downward pressure. High temperatures and wind generation have eased withdrawal pressure, increasing storage injections, raising cover to 36%.

Temperatures forecasts holding steady and continuing to suggest subdued demand - a trend that should support steady injections into European storage in the near-term.

- **High Temperatures and Increased Wind Generation** has led to reduced heating demand. Temperatures are expected to remain above seasonal norm throughout April and as we enter June.



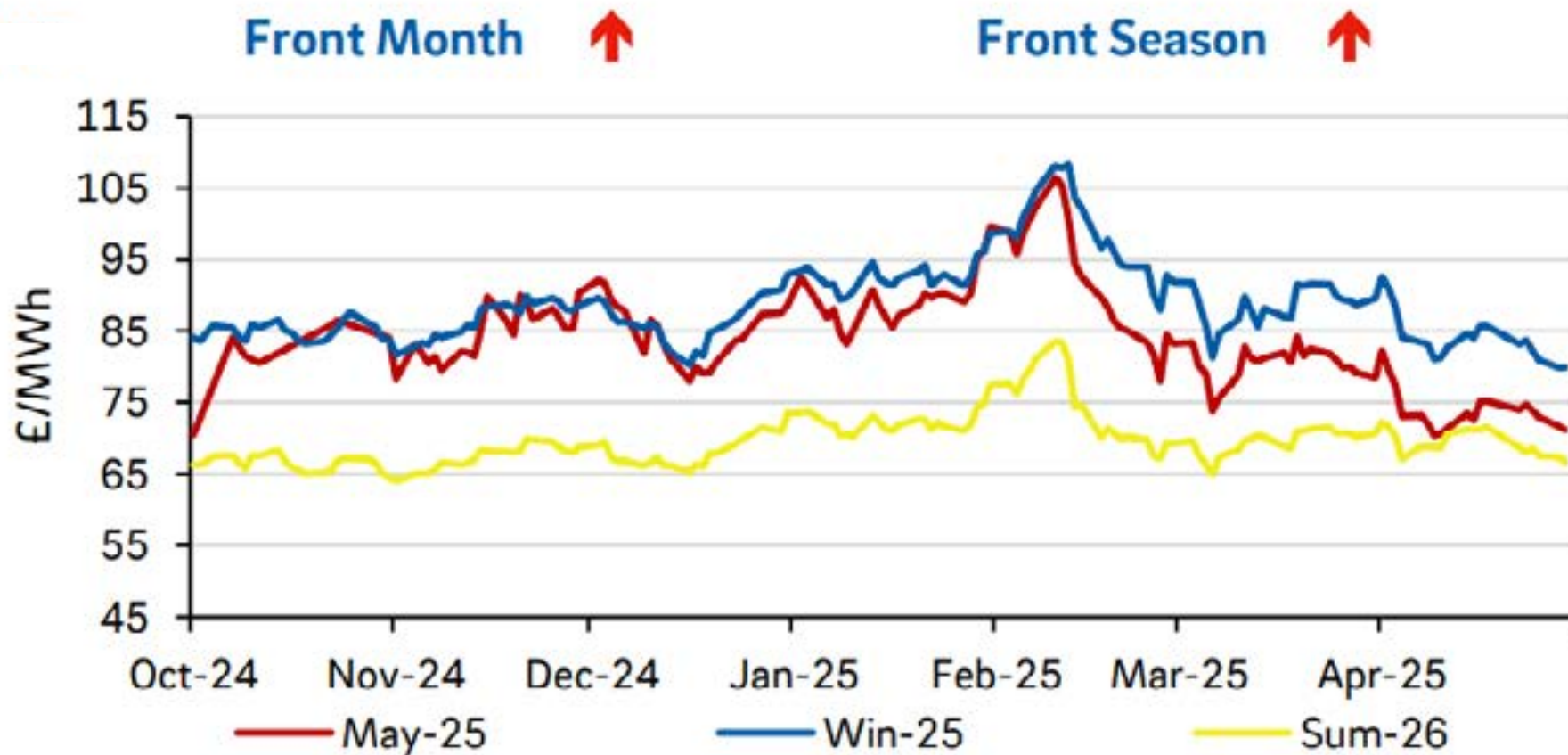


Markets - Six month price history

UK Gas



UK Power





Outlook

With warmer spells continuing into the front month of June, wind speeds are also expected to increase which in turn will ease local demand. The warm spell arrives at a good time as Norwegian maintenance season ramps up and starts with Ormen Lange going offline over the start of May, with capacity reduction from Monday 28 April. We expect LNG send out to continue at similar levels, with downside risk as the balance loosens up and easing storage withdrawal concerns.

LNG send out should remain stable with a healthy number of cargoes scheduled already for next week at the start of May. Our forecast suggests a net injection rate at 2400 GWh/d next week compared to 1260 GWh/d this week. This rate would push the aggregated storage levels up by 16 TWh, ending next week at 197 TWh or 35 % full.

Recommendation:

The cost of wholesale gas and power in 2025 has been dominated by uncertainty and volatility, therefore, it is critical that you are supported by a strong strategy. We encourage our customers to reach out to the key account management team or our dedicated trading team for any questions or queries relating to the markets who will be able to provide you with the necessary knowledge to help mitigate any risk and optimise your energy portfolios for years to come.

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