



UK NBP Natural Gas Futures

Contract Specifications

Description	Contracts are for physical delivery through the transfer of rights in respect of Natural Gas at the National Balancing Point (NBP) Virtual Trading Point, operated by National Grid, the transmissions system operator in the UK. Delivery is made equally each day throughout the delivery period
Trading Period	<p>78-83 consecutive month contracts.</p> <p>11-13 consecutive quarters. Quarters are strips of three individual and consecutive contract months. Quarters always comprise a strip of Jan-Mar, Apr-Jun, Jul- Sep or Oct-Dec.</p> <p>13-14 consecutive seasons. Seasons are strips of six individual and consecutive contract months. Seasons always comprise a strip of Apr-Sep or Oct-Mar.</p> <p>6 consecutive years. Years are strips of twelve individual and consecutive contract months comprising Jan - Dec.</p> <p>Months, quarters, seasons and years are listed in parallel.</p>
Expiration Date	Trading will cease at the close of business two Business Days prior to the first calendar day of the delivery month, quarter, season, or calendar.
Contract Security	ICE Clear Europe acts as central counterparty to all trades thereby guaranteeing the financial performance of ICE Futures Europe contracts registered in the name of its Members up to and including delivery, exercise and/or settlement.
Trading Model	Continuous trading throughout trading hours

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Trading Methods	Electronic futures, Exchange for Physical (EFP), Exchange for Swap (EFS) and Block Trades are available for this contract.										
Unit of Trading	1,000 therms of natural gas per day (1 therm = 29.3071 kilowatt hours)										
Contract Size	1,000 therms per day per delivery period (ie month, quarter, season or year.) <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Delivery Period</th> <th>Therms</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Feb (non leap year):</td> <td>28,000 therms</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Feb (leap year):</td> <td>29,000 therms</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Aug, Oct, Dec:</td> <td>31,000 therms</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Apr, Jun, Sep, Nov:</td> <td>30,000 therms</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Delivery Period	Therms	Feb (non leap year):	28,000 therms	Feb (leap year):	29,000 therms	Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Aug, Oct, Dec:	31,000 therms	Apr, Jun, Sep, Nov:	30,000 therms
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Minimum Trading Size	5 lots = 5,000 therms per day										
Minimum Block Order	40 lots = 40,000 therms per day										
Quotation	The contract price is in Sterling and pence per therm										
Minimum Price Fluctuation	Futures - 0.01 pence/therm EFP/EFS/Block - 0.001 pence/therm										
Maximum Price Fluctuation	There are no limits										
Tick Size	Contract Size x Minimum Trade Size x Minimum Price Flux										
Settlement Price	The weighted average price of trades during a ten-minute settlement period from 16:05:00 to 16:15:00, London Local Time. If there is low liquidity during this time, Quoted Settlement Prices (QSPs) will be used to establish the settlement price										
Position Limit	Positions are reported to the Exchange on a daily basis. The Exchange has powers to prevent the development of excessive positions or unwarranted speculation or any other undesirable situation and may take steps to resolve such situations including the ability to mandate Members to limit the size of such positions or to reduce positions where appropriate.										
Initial Margin	Calculated on all open contracts, Initial Margin, as defined in the ICE Clear Europe Clearing Rules, is a deposit held by ICE Clear Europe in order to cover the costs that may be incurred in closing out a position in default. It is returned upon the closing of the position, or at expiry, with interest.										

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Daily Margin	All open contracts are 'marked-to-market' daily, with Variation Margin, as defined in the ICE Clear Europe Clearing Rules, being called for as appropriate.
Delivery/Settlement Terms	<p>Matching Acquiring and Disposing Trade Nominations (buyer from ICEU, seller to ICEU) are input by buyer and seller to National Grid via Gemini before 18:30 on the business day prior to the commencement of the delivery period. Delivery takes place in kilowatt-hours (29.3071 kilowatt hours per therm).</p> <p>The EDSP will be the Settlement Price on the day the contract expires.</p>
Markers	TAS (Trade at Settlement)