

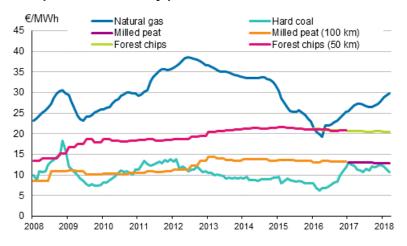
# **Energy prices**

2018, 1st quarter

### Prices of electricity rising in the first quarter

According to Statistics Finland's data, the exchange price of electricity rose clearly in the first quarter of the year, which was also reflected in the end user prices of electricity. Tax increases at the beginning of the year raised the prices of some fuels but no clear development trend could be detected for fuels.

### Fuel prices in electricity production



In March, the price of motor gasoline was two per cent lower than in the corresponding period last year. The price of diesel fuel remained almost unchanged. The corresponding change for light fuel oil was a five per cent rise that was affected by the tax increases at the beginning of the year. The taxes remained unchanged for motor gasoline and diesel fuel.

The tax-free price of hard coal went down and was 12 per cent lower in March than one year earlier. The tax-free price of natural gas, in turn, rose by 11 per cent. In Finland, the fuels for electricity production are tax-free while excise duty is paid on fuels used in heat production.

The taxes for both hard coal and natural gas were raised at the beginning of the year. For hard coal, the taxable price was one per cent higher than one year earlier. The corresponding rise in the price of natural gas considering the tax increase was nine per cent. The prices of forest chippings and milled peat used in

electricity and heat production decreased by one per cent in the first quarter compared with the corresponding period of the year before.

Customer prices for district heat for detached houses were nearly the same in January as one year earlier. For terraced houses and blocks of flats, the prices increased by one per cent. The consumer price of wood pellets has declined by two per cent from February 2017 to February 2018.

The system price of the Nordic electricity exchange derived from the sell and buy bids on the exchange made a clear upturn at the beginning of the year. This was affected by a rise in the exchange price of carbon monoxide emission rights and the clearly colder February and March than average. In March 2018, the average of the system price was 43 per cent higher than one year previously. Due to electricity transmission restrictions, the Finnish area price was, on average, five per cent higher in March than the system price, rising by 49 per cent from one year ago.

In March, the electricity prices for households rose by one to two per cent depending on the consumption category compared to March 2017. For enterprise and corporate customers, the prices of electricity rose by 3 to 17 per cent except for one consumption category, where the price fell by one per cent. Household customers' electricity prices are based on the obligation to deliver prices published by the Energy Authority, while the price of enterprise and corporate customers are based on Statistics Finland's price inquiry on electrical energy. The obligation to deliver price reacts slowly to changes in electricity prices on the Nordic electricity exchange.

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Appendix table 1. Energy taxes, precautionary stock fees and oil pollution fees

Date	Fuels 1)				Electricity								
									Consumpti	on	Product	ion	
	Motor- gasoline, unleaded <sup>2)</sup>	Diesel fuel <sup>3)</sup>	Light fuel oil <sup>12)</sup>	Liquefied petroleum gas	Heavy fuel oil	Hard coal <sup>11)</sup>		Peat	Electricity, I <sup>4)</sup>	Electricity, II <sup>5)</sup>	Nuclear power	Hydro power	Imports
	c/l			c/kg		€/t	€/MWh		c/kWh				
Excise to	axes <sup>10)</sup>												
1.1.1990	21,53	16,82	0,34	_	0,34	2,69	0,17	0,34	-	-	_	-	_
1.1.1991	26,57	17,49	0,35	-	0,35	2,83	0,18	0,35	-	-	-	-	_
1.1.1992	28,26	17,49	0,35	-	0,35	2,83	0,18	0,35	-	-	-	-	-
1.8.1992	31,62	17,49	0,35	-	0,35	2,83	0,18	0,35	-	-	_	-	-
1.1.1993	39,52	19,17	1,41	-	1,12	5,61	0,35	0,70	0,25	0,25	0,10	-	0,10
1.7.1993	39,52	16,65	1,41	-	1,12	5,61	0,35	0,70	0,25	0,25	0,10	-	0,10
1.1.1994	40,05	17,29	2,05	-	1,98	11,30	1,09	0,35	-	-	0,35	0,03	0,22
1.1.1995	45,12	27,50	3,02	-	3,12	19,53	0,94	0,59	-	-	0,40	0,07	0,37
1.1.1996	51,85	27,50	3,02	-	3,12	19,53	0,94	0,59	-	-	0,40	0,07	0,37
1.1.1997	51,85	27,50	4,88	-	3,72	28,42	1,19	0,71	0,40	0,40	-	-	-
1.4.1997	51,85	27,50	4,88	-	3,72	28,42	1,19	0,71	0,56	0,24	-	-	-
1.1.1998	55,22	30,02	5,50	-	4,34	33,40	1,40		0,56	0,34	_	-	-
1.9.1998	55,22	30,02	6,37	-	5,40	41,37	1,73	1,51	0,69	0,42	_	-	-
1.1.2003		31,59	6,71	-	5,68	43,52	1,82	1,59	0,73	0,44	-	-	-
1.7.2005		31,59	6,71	-	5,68	43,52	1,82	-	0,73	0,44	-	-	-
1.1.2007		31,59	6,71	-	5,68	43,52	1,82	-	0,73		-	-	-
1.1.2008		36,05		-	6,42	49,32	2,016	-	0,87		-	-	-
1.1.2011	62,02		15,70	-	18,51		8,94	1,90	1,69		-	-	-
1.1.2012			15,70	-	18,51		8,940	1,90	1,69		-	-	_
1.1.2013			15,99	-	·	131,53	11,38	-	1,69		-	-	_
1.1.2014			15,99	-		131,53	11,38	4,90	1,89		-	-	-
1.1.2015			18,39	-		153,24	15,36	_	2,24		-	-	_
1.1.2016			21,05	24,82		177,36	17,34		2,24		-	-	_
1.3.2016				24,82		177,36			2,24		-	-	-
1.1.2017			22,52	26,54		189,84			2,24			-	-
1.1.2018			24,04	28,32	28,64	202,69	19,78	1,90	2,24	0,69	-	-	-
	content tax <sup>8)</sup>			I						1			
1.1.2011			7,70	-	8,79			-	-	-	-	-	-
1.1.2012			7,70	-	8,79		3,00	-	-	-	-	-	_
1.1.2013		-		-	7,59			-	-	-	-	-	-
1.1.2015				-	7,59			-	-	-	-	-	-
1.1.2016				8,50	7,59		6,65	-	-	-	-	-	_
1.1.2017			7,05	9,01	8,05			-	-	-	-	-	-
1.1.2018			7,50	9,58	8,56	53,13	7,50	-	-	-	-	-	_
Carbon	dioxide tax <sup>9)</sup>												
1.1.2011	11,66	-	8,00	-	9,72	72,37	5,94	-		-	-	-	
1.1.2012	14,00	15,90	8,00	_	9,72	72,37	5,94	-	-	-	_	-	_
1.1.2013	14,00	15,90	9,34	-	11,34	84,43	6,93	-	-	-	-	-	-
1.1.2014	16,25	18,61	9,34	-	11,34	84,43	6,93	_	-	-	_	-	-

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	c/I			c/kg		€/t	€/MWh		c/kWh					
1.1.2015	16,25	18,61	11,74	-	14,25	106,14	8,71	-	-	-	-	-	-	
1.1.2016	16,25	18,61	14,40	16,32	17,49	130,26	10,69	-	-	-	-	-	-	
1.1.2017	17,38	19,90	15,47	17,53	18,78	139,91	11,48	-	-	-	-	-	-	
1.1.2018	17,38	19,90	16,54	18,74	20,08	149,56	12,28	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Energy tax <sup>7)</sup>														
1.1.2011	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,90	1,69	0,69	-	-	-	
1.1.2013	-	-	-	-	-	-	_	4,90	1,69	0,69	_	-	-	
1.1.2014	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,90	1,89	0,69	_	-	-	
1.1.2015	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,40	2,24	0,69	-	-	-	
1.1.2016	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,40	2,24	0,69	-	-	-	
1.3.2016	-	-	-	-	_	-	_	1,90	2,24	0,69	_	-	-	
Strategic	stockpile f	ees												
1.7.1984	0,72	0,39	0,39	-	0,32	1,48	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
1.1.1997	0,68	0,35	0,35	-	0,28	1,18	0,084	-	0,013	0,013	_	-	-	
1.1.2016	0,68	0,35	0,35	0,11	0,28	1,18	0,084	-	0,013	0,013	-	-	-	
Oil pollution fees <sup>6)</sup>														
1.1.1990	0,28	0,031	0,031	-	0,037	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
1.1.2005	0,038	0,042	0,042	-	0,050	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
1.1.2010	0,113	0,126	0,126	-	0,150	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

- 1) Fuels in electricity production tax-exempt since 1 January 1997
- 2) Reformulated, since 1 January 1993, also sulphur-free since 1 September 2004. Fossil fuel
- 3) Sulphur-free, sulphur content < 50 ppm since 1 July 1993, sulphur content < 10 ppm since 1 September 2004. Fossil fuel.
- 4) Tax class I: others
- 5) Tax class II: industry and professional greenhouses
- 6) Fee for imported oil and oil products: 1,50 €/t
- 7) Energy tax included in excise taxes
- 8) Energy content tax included in excise taxes
- 9) Carbon dioxide tax included in excise taxes
- 10) Excise taxes contain energy content tax, carbon dioxide tax, and energy tax.
- 11) Excise taxes for hard coal in the heat production. In CHP production excise tax is lower.
- 12) Fossil fuel. Sulphur-free.

### Appendix table 2. Energy prices in heat production in March 2018

Energy source <sup>3)</sup>	<sup>1)</sup> Price €/MWh	Annual change-%
<sup>2)</sup> Hard coal (VAT 0%)	40.26	1.2
Natural gas (VAT 0%)	49.57	9.0
Forest chips (VAT 0%)	20.43	-1.4
Milled peat (VAT 0%)	14.82	-1.1

<sup>1)</sup> Inclusive of excise duties.

### Appendix table 3. Consumer prices of heating energy in March 2018

Energy source <sup>2)</sup>	<sup>1)</sup> Price €/MWh	Annual change-%
Light fuel (VAT 24%)	90.9	4.5
Household electricity, K2 (VAT 24%)	125.5	1.0
Wood pellet (VAT 24%)	56	-1.6
District heat, terraced house / low-rise block of flats (VAT 24%)	78.64	0.5

<sup>1)</sup> The price of wood pellet is from February 2018 and district heat from January 2018

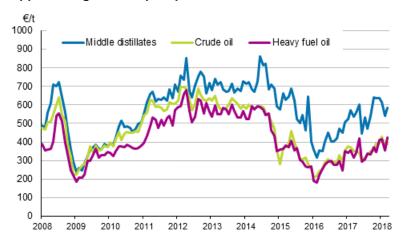
<sup>2)</sup> The price is preliminary.

<sup>3)</sup> Sources: Energy Authority, Finnish Customs, FOEX Indexes Ltd, The Bioenergy Association of Finland,

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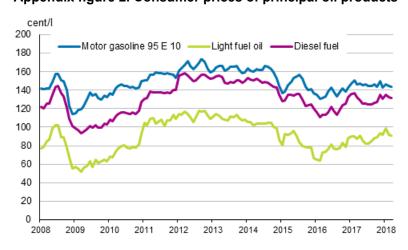
## Appendix figures

### Appendix figure 1. Import prices of oil



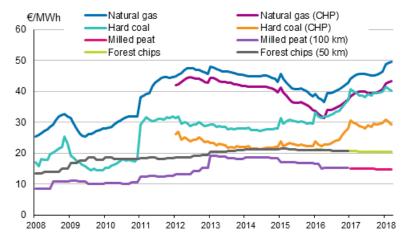
Source: Finnish Customs

### Appendix figure 2. Consumer prices of principal oil products



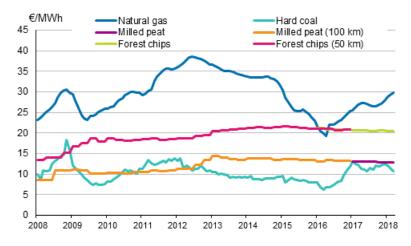
Source: Finnish Petroleum and Biofuels Association

#### Appendix figure 3. Fuel prices in heat production



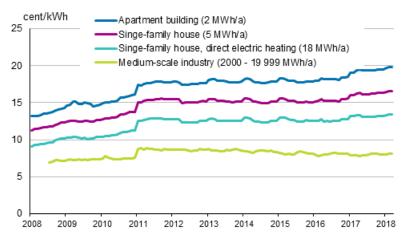
The prices include excise duties (VAT 0%). The carbon dioxide tax on natural gas and hard coal used in combined heat and power production was halved from the beginning of 2011. Sources: Finnish Customs, Energy Authority, The Bioenergy Association of Finland, Finnish Petroleum and Biofuels Association, FOEX Indexes Ltd

#### Appendix figure 4. Fuel prices in electricity production



The fuels of electricity production are exclusive of tax. Sources: Finnish Customs, Energy Authority, The Bioenergy Association of Finland, Finnish Petroleum and Biofuels Association, FOEX Indexes Ltd

### Appendix figure 5. Price of electricity by type of consumer



The prices include electrical energy, transmission fee and taxes. Source: Energy Authority, Statistics Finland

# Appendix figure 6. Average monthly spotprices at the Nord Pool Spot power exchange



Source: Nord Pool Spot



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