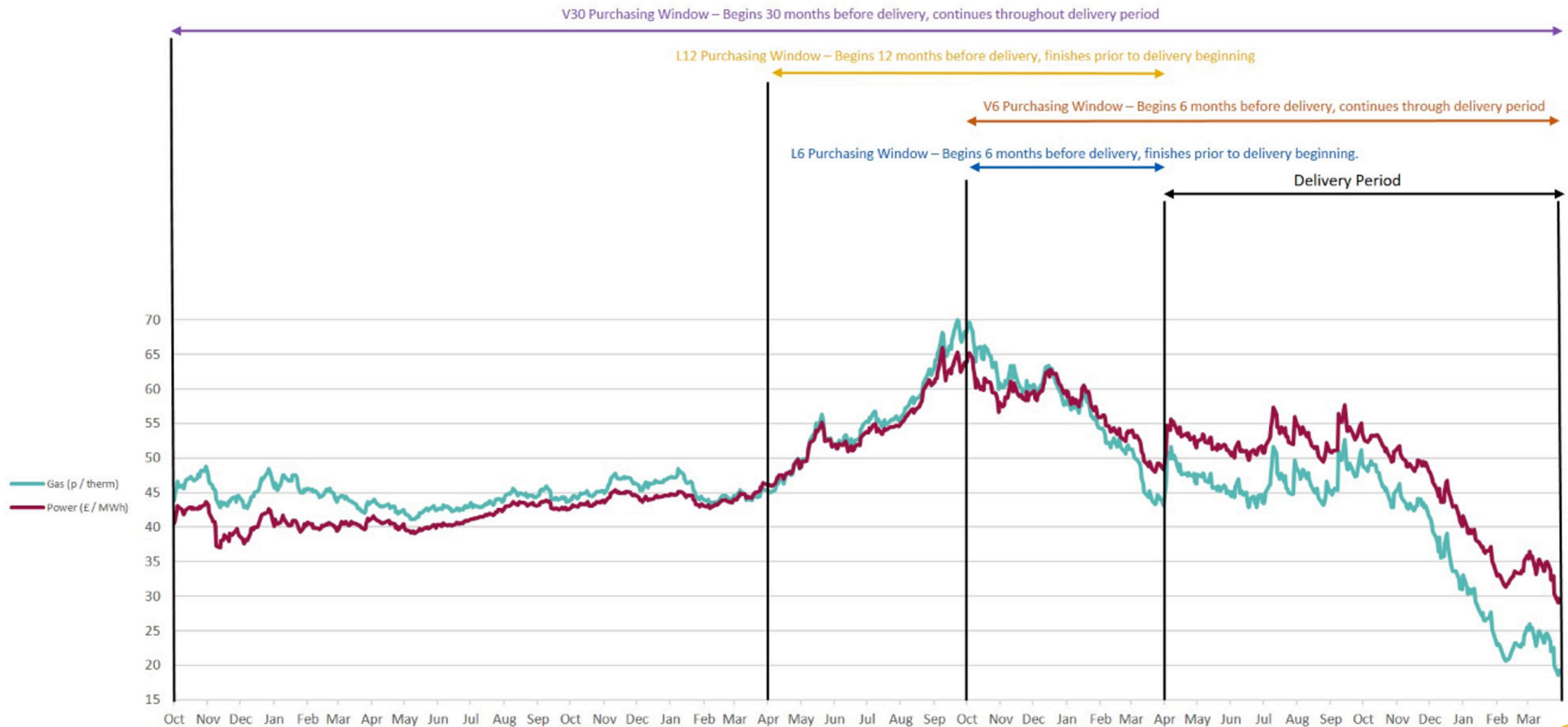


Trading strategies

Crown Commercial Service (CCS) offers a number of flexible procurement routes that are underpinned by robust risk management strategies. These are for those customers who would prefer CCS to purchase their energy requirements over a period of time to mitigate volatile market movements. Volumes are aggregated together and purchased by our specialist and dedicated Trading team on the wholesale commodity markets. This allows more buying opportunities and for customers to benefit from being part of an aggregated portfolio. Below are the CCS trading strategies.



Locked (L6)

- 6 month purchase window prior to the start of delivery
- Enter the market multiple times during this period
- Purchasing is complete before delivery begins
- Monthly commodity price will be set for the entire delivery year

Fixed price to help manage budgets

Locked (L12)

- 10 month purchase window prior to the start of delivery
- Enter the market multiple times during this period
- Purchasing is complete before delivery begins and energy rates delivered in advance of supply year
- Monthly commodity price will be set for the entire delivery year

Fixed price to help manage budgets

Short Term Variable (V6)

- 18 month purchase window; begins 6 months before delivery and continues throughout
- Purchase at day ahead and intra month level
- Enter the market multiple times during this period
- Commodity prices change on a monthly basis

Access to potentially lower market price

Long Term Variable (V30)

- 42 month purchase window; begins 30 months before delivery and continues throughout
- Purchase at day ahead and intra month level
- Enter the market multiple times during this period
- Commodity prices change on a monthly basis

Element of price stability year on year