



ENERGY ASSURANCE DAILY

Thursday, January 11, 2007

Electricity

OPG's 490 MW Nanticoke Coal-fired Unit 7 in Ontario Shut January 11

Reuters, 08:37 January 11, 2007

OPG's 490 MW Nanticoke Coal-fired Unit 6 in Ontario Shut January 10

Reuters, 08:37 January 11, 2007

Dominion's 521 MW Mt. Storm Coal-fired Unit in West Virginia Returned to Service January 11

Reuters, 08:37 January 11, 2007

Xcel's 569 MW Monticello Nuke Unit in Minnesota Shut January 10

Reuters, 08:37 January 11, 2007

Mirant's 206 MW Gas-fired Potero Unit 3 in California Shut January 10

Reuters, 08:37 January 11, 2007

TVA's 1,118 MW Browns Ferry Nuke Unit 2 in Alabama Shut January 11

Reuters, 12:17 January 11, 2007

TXU's 750 MW Monticello Coal-fired Unit 3 in Texas to Return to Service January 11

The unit was shut January 9 to fix a feedwater heater.

Reuters, 08:05 January 11, 2007

Petroleum

Tesoro's 166,000 b/d Martinez Refinery in California Has Equipment Failure January 10

A vacuum truck had the equipment failure on January 10.

Bloomberg News, 16:31 January 10, 2007

Suncor's 95,000 b/d Refinery in Colorado Back to Full Output January 10

The 20,000 b/d hydrotreater was taken off-line on December 15 after a furnace failure.

Reuters, 17:55 January 10, 2007

Update: Flows Resume on Druzhba Pipeline From Russia to Europe

Belarus started to transit shipments of crude oil through the Druzhba pipeline at 11:35 p.m. Moscow time last night, and Russia resumed pumping crude oil into the line at 8:22 a.m. this morning. The resumed flows ended a three-day stoppage, which cut supplies of about 1.5 million b/d to European refiners. The shutdown occurred due to a trade dispute between Russia and Belarus. A compromise ended the dispute yesterday.

<http://www.stuff.co.nz/3925308a13.html>

<http://www.topix.net/content/reuters/0375065356413713421819801842434116423203>

Sunni Insurgents Set Fire to Oil Pipeline in Iraq, Interrupts Kirkuk Flows

According to an official of the Northern Oil Company, suspected Sunni insurgents attacked and set fire to a 26-inch diameter oil pipeline in northern Iraq on Thursday, interrupting the flow from the Kirkuk oil fields. The pipeline, which feeds into a line running to Turkey's Mediterranean oil terminal, was still burning late on Thursday morning, and U.S. forces had cordoned off the area.

<http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2007/01/11/iraq/main2350375.shtml>

Update: Venezuela Could Nationalize Orinoco Heavy Oil Projects – Finance Minister

According to the Venezuelan finance minister, Venezuela could nationalize four projects in the Orinoco oil belt if the state is unable to negotiate a majority stake in the foreign oil companies that run them. Venezuela's government has been in talks since last year with foreign oil companies that operate heavy crude upgrading projects in the eastern Orinoco area, seeking a controlling stake through the formation of new "mixed companies." The four Orinoco projects – Sincor, Ameriven, Petrozuata and Cerro Negro – produce some 550,000 b/d of crude oil. U.S. Secretary of Energy Bodman said on Tuesday that he was concerned by the Venezuelan call for nationalizing oil assets in the country.

http://biz.yahoo.com/ap/070111/venezuela_nationalization.html?.v=2

<http://www.platts.com/Oil/News/6338148.xml?p=Oil/News&sub=Oil>

Reuters, 06:32 January 11, 2007

Natural Gas

Nothing to report.

Other News

Nothing to report.

Energy Prices

U.S. Oil and Gas Prices			
January 11, 2007			
	Today	Week Ago	Year Ago
CRUDE OIL West Texas Intermediate U.S. \$/Barrel	51.91	55.65	63.41
NATURAL GAS Henry Hub \$/Million Btu	6.09	5.60	9.25

Source: Reuters

Energy Notes

Bush Renominates Kevin Kolevar to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy for Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability

<http://www.platts.com/Electric%20Power/News/6338230.xml?p=Electric%20Power/News&sub=Electric%20Power>

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2007/01/20070109-5.html>

Natural Gas Line Break Forces Evacuation in Phoenix, Arizona January 9

<http://www.knxv.com/news/index.asp?did=32462>

CL&P to Bolster Reliability of Electricity Distribution System in Stamford, Connecticut
<http://www.topix.net/content/trb/1049416475198212991241226394693416903429>

Colorado PUC Orders Xcel Energy to Resolve Contract Impasse With Developers to Build New 900 MW Coal-fired Power Plant
<http://www.snl.com/interactivex/article.aspx?CdId=A-5196717-9064>

Baltimore County Task Force Raises Pollution Concerns About Proposed Sparrows Point LNG Facility in Maryland
<http://www.platts.com/Natural%20Gas/News/6338240.xml?p=Natural%20Gas/News&sub=Natural%20Gas>

Quebec Government Announces Plans for \$5 Billion Hydroelectric Project in Northern Quebec
<http://www.oilweek.com/news.asp?ID=6965>

Singapore Oil Barges Collide, About 1,500 Barrels of Crude Oil Spills
Reuters, 07:32 January 11, 2007

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<http://tonto.eia.doe.gov/oog/info/twip/twip.asp>
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http://www.eia.doe.gov/oil_gas/petroleum/data_publications/weekly_petroleum_status_report/wpsr.html
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