



ENERGY ASSURANCE DAILY

Friday Evening, January 16, 2015

Electricity

Update: Exelon's 850 MW Dresden Nuclear Unit 2 in Illinois Restarts, Ramps Up to 23 Percent by January 16

The unit was shut from full power on January 13 due to a reactor water level transient.

<http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/event-status/reactor-status/2015/>

<http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/event-status/event/2015/20150114en.html>

Entergy's 966 MW River Bend Nuclear Unit 1 in Louisiana Reduced to 11 Percent by January 16

On the morning of January 15 the unit was operating at 99 percent.

<http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/event-status/reactor-status/2015/>

Dynegy, LLC's 510 MW Moss Landing Gas-fired Unit 1 in California Shut by January 15

The unit entered an unplanned outage.

<http://content.aiso.com/unitstatus/data/unitstatus201501151515.html>

Update: Crockett Cogeneration LP's 240 MW Gas-fired Unit in California Returns to Service by January 15

The unit returned from an unplanned outage.

<http://content.aiso.com/unitstatus/data/unitstatus201501151515.html>

Update: BrightSource Energy's 175 MW Aggregate Solar Units 3–7 in California Return to Service by January 15

The units returned from an unplanned outage that began by January 11.

<http://content.aiso.com/unitstatus/data/unitstatus201501151515.html>

Update: BrightSource Energy's 184 MW Aggregate Solar Units 8–9 Solar Units in California Return to Service by January 15

The unit returned from an unplanned curtailment of 160 MW that began by January 5.

<http://content.aiso.com/unitstatus/data/unitstatus201501151515.html>

Petroleum

DOT Oil Train Safety Proposal Due in May

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) will offer a new design for oil trains by mid-May as officials try to make sure crude oil is moving safely on the tracks, officials said this week. The next-generation tanker will have a thicker shell, more heat protection and other safety features meant to prevent future mishaps from becoming fiery derailments. Details have not been finalized. DOT said the new requirements are designed to lessen the consequences of derailments involving ethanol, crude oil, and certain trains transporting a large volume of flammable materials. The White House Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA) is weighing costs and benefits of a draft proposal that has drawn more than 3,800 public comments. The Office of Management and Budget is due to make the report public by May 12. One hurdle for U.S. officials is harmonizing safety standards with Canada, since the trade partners strive for similar standards.

Reuters, 15:48 January 15, 2015

Phillips 66 Reports Process Upset at Its 362,000 b/d Wood River Refinery in Illinois January 16

Phillips 66 reported a process upset at its Wood River refinery in Roxana, Illinois, according to a filing with the Illinois Emergency Management Agency.
Reuters, 4:08 January 16, 2015

National Energy Board Orders Third Party Audit of Plains Midstream Canada's Pipeline Operations

Canada's National Energy Board (NEB) has issued an order that imposes six conditions upon Plains Midstream Canada ULC, including the requirement to conduct an independent third-party audit of all the company's NEB-regulated pipeline operations in Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, and Ontario. The NEB has also directed the company to submit for approval, by January 31, 2015, documentation regarding immediate safety critical tasks; the operational controls used to mitigate hazards and risks; and a demonstration of the company's process for review and maintenance of the controls to ensure their ongoing adequacy and effectiveness. The NEB has prescribed a two-phased approach to the third party audit. The first phase of the third party audit will examine Plains' management system and Environmental Protection Program, with a final audit report required on or before December 31, 2015. The second phase of the third party audit will focus on Plains' Integrity Management Program, with a final response to the audit report required on or before December 31, 2016.

<https://www.neb-one.gc.ca/bts/nws/nr/2015/nr02-eng.html>

EnLink Midstream Extends Open Season for Ohio River Valley Condensate Pipeline System Project January 15

Ohio River Valley Pipeline, LLC, an affiliate of the EnLink Midstream companies, EnLink Midstream Partners, LP and EnLink Midstream, LLC on Thursday announced an extension of the binding open season to solicit volume commitments for interstate common carrier transportation service on a new condensate pipeline system (ORV Condensate Pipeline). The open season, which was originally scheduled to end on January 15, 2015, has been extended to February 27, 2015. The ORV Condensate Pipeline will transport condensate from points in Harrison, Belmont, Guernsey, Noble, Monroe, and Washington Counties, Ohio to Bells Run Station in Washington County, Ohio, Black Run Station in Muskingum County, Ohio, and, if Ohio River Valley Pipeline, LLC elects to construct extension(s) of its system, to one or more connecting facilities in Holmes, Coshocton, and Harrison County, Ohio. The design capacity of the ORV Condensate Pipeline will be dependent upon the level of interest shown by potential committed shippers during the open season.

<http://enlk.enlink.com/investor/investor-news/investor-news-details/2015/EnLink-Midstream-Extends-Open-Season-for-Ohio-River-Valley-Condensate-Pipeline-System-Project/default.aspx>

Enduro Operating Reports Oil, Brine Spill at Oil Well Site in North Dakota January 15

Enduro Operating reported a spill of approximately 25 barrels of oil and 820 barrels of brine at an oil well site in Renville County. The North Dakota Department of Health announced that an estimated 70 barrels of the spilled brine flowed off the well pad near Tolley and that cleanup was underway.

<http://www.thedickinsonpress.com/energy/bakken/3656042-spill-reported-rentville-county>

Natural Gas

Gulf South Isolates Rupture, Extinguishes Fire on Its 30-Inch Pipeline in Mississippi January 14

Gulf South Pipeline experienced a pipeline rupture and fire on its 30-inch line on Wednesday at approximately 6:30 a.m. The rupture was located approximately 15 miles north of Gulf South's Jackson Compressor Station in Rankin County, Mississippi. Operation personnel responded quickly and were able to isolate the line and the fire was contained. There were no reported injuries or evacuations and there was minimal impact to customers.

<http://infopost.bwpmlp.com/?tspid=1>

Other News

Nothing to report.

Mexico Says Oil Slump Could Delay Some Oil and Gas Tenders, Hit Public Spending

Mexico said on Thursday that the tenders for the exploration and production of shale and other more expensive oil and gas deposits could happen later than planned due to the slump in oil prices, which could also hurt government spending in 2016. The tender for Mexico's first round of contracts under an energy sector opening is already underway and includes several packages of fields grouped by type of basin. The Finance Minister said that one of the packages, first planned for 2015 and covering so-called non-conventional onshore fields, could be delayed. http://www.rigzone.com/news/oil_gas/a/136784/Mexico_Says_Oil_Slump_Could_Delay_Some_Tenders_Hit_Public_Spending#sthash.gCcs678k.dpuf

Energy Prices

U.S. Oil and Gas Prices January 16, 2015			
	Today	Week Ago	Year Ago
CRUDE OIL West Texas Intermediate U.S. \$/Barrel	48.44	48.30	93.55
NATURAL GAS Henry Hub \$/Million Btu	3.29	2.91	4.45

Source: Reuters

Links

This Week in Petroleum from the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA)

<http://www.eia.gov/oog/info/twip/twip.asp>

Updated every Wednesday.

Weekly Petroleum Status Report from EIA

http://www.eia.gov/oil_gas/petroleum/data_publications/weekly_petroleum_status_report/wpsr.html

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Natural Gas Weekly Update from EIA

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