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Major Developments

Governor Suspends Operations at All Coal Mines in State West Virginia: Orders Safety Review

West Virginia Governor Joe Manchin temporarily halted production at each of the state's coalmines February 1. The companies were required to perform a thorough review of safety procedures at the beginning of each shift before operations could resume. The Governor's request was prompted by the deaths of two miners in separate accidents on February 1.

<http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=5184595>

<http://www.platts.com/Coal/headlines.jsp>

http://www.duluthsuperior.com/ml/duluthsuperior/news/local/13772392.htm?source=rss&channel=duluthsuperior_local

Bloomberg, 13:14 February 2, 2006.

Electricity

Complete's 260 MW Gas-fired La Paloma 4 Unit in California Shut February 2

Reuters, 19:22 February 2, 2006.

Update: TVA's 1,113 MW Brown's Ferry 2 Nuke in Alabama at 100 Percent

Bloomberg, 10:19 February 2, 2006.

Update: Southern Nuclear's 1,149 MW Vogtle 2 Nuke in Georgia at 100 Percent February 3, 2006

Reuters, 15:37 February 3, 2006.

Bloomberg, 11:31 February 3, 2006.

Petroleum

Update: Oil Tanker Grounded in Alaska Set Afloat February 3

The oil tanker that was struck by an ice floe and ran aground south of Anchorage, Alaska, on February 2 was scheduled to be set afloat today. Tesoro Corp., which hired the oil tanker, reported that two barrels of oil may have spilled into the water.

Bloomberg, 08:14 February 3, 2006.

Natural Gas

CenterPoint and Duke: Southeast Supply Header to Carry 1 Bcf in Service as Early as Mid- 2008

On February 2, CenterPoint Energy Gas Transmission (CEGT) and Duke Energy Gas Transmission announced that their recent open season to determine the market for their Southeast Supply Header project uncovered a significant response. Consequently, the companies will proceed with the project which will have a capacity of 1 Bcf/d and could be in service by the middle of 2008. The project will link supply from east Texas and north Louisiana basins to markets in the southeast and northeast.

<http://powermarketers.net/contentinc.net/newsreader.asp?ppa=8knpp%5E%5BgegijkmVSfdy30qbfel%5Dv>

Other News

Nothing to report.

Energy Prices

U.S. Oil and Gas Prices			
February 3, 2006			
	Today	Week Ago	Year Ago
CRUDE OIL			
West Texas Intermediate U.S.	65.37	67.81	46.40
\$/Barrel			
NATURAL GAS			
Henry Hub	7.99	8.19	6.32
\$/Million Btu			

Source: Reuters

Energy Notes

Entergy Applies for License Extension for Pilgrim Nuclear Plant

http://pro.energycentral.com/professional/news/power/news_article.cfm?id=6301046

New Report Shows Greater Potential for Wind Power in Minnesota

http://www.duluthsuperior.com/ml/duluthsuperior/news/local/13772392.htm?source=rss&channel=duluthsuperior_local

Columbia Gas Transmission to Expand Pipeline and Storage Beginning in 2009

http://biz.yahoo.com/ap/060202/nisource_pipeline_expansion.html?.v=1

Open Season Begins for Compression Expansion of Gulfstream's Pipeline Network

<http://intelligencepress.com/>

Sithe Global Power Completes Financing for New 880 MW Goreway Plant in Ontario

http://pro.energycentral.com/professional/news/power/news_article.cfm?id=6300476

Update: Russia Reducing Oil Export Plans for Black Sea Due to Harsh Weather

http://www.energyintel.com/PublicationHomePage.asp?publication_id=2

At Least 10 New Nukes Under Consideration by U.S. Utilities

http://pro.energycentral.com/professional/news/power/news_article.cfm?id=6301131

Xcel Energy's Monticello Nuke Plant Cleared for License Renewal by NRC

<http://biz.yahoo.com/bizj/060203/1224494.html?.v=1>

PG&E's 10,000th Solar Customer Connected to California Grid

<http://www.prnewswire.com/cgi-bin/stories.pl?ACCT=109&STORY=/www/story/02-01-2006/0004273061&EDATE=>

Foreign Oil Companies Invited by Kurdish Officials to Explore Untapped Reserves

<http://www.newsday.com/news/nationworld/wire/sns-ap-iraq-kurds-oil.0.2489736.story>

Tidewater Removes Oil Vessel from Project in Nigeria

Bloomberg, 15:41 February 3, 2006.

Links

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

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

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Weekly Petroleum Status Report from EIA

http://www.eia.doe.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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