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Electricity

30,000 Detroit Edison Customers Without Power February 5

A winter storm, with high winds and wet snow, that swept through Eastern Michigan on Sunday initially cut power to 30,000 Detroit Edison Co. customers. By 8:30 pm, power had been restored to all but 11,000 customers.

http://pro.energycentral.com/professional/news/power/news_article.cfm?id=6309085

Calpine's 281 MW Gas-fired Delta Unit in California Shut February 6

Reuters, 15:17 February 7, 2006.

NRG/Dynegy's 335 MW Gas-fired El Segundo 3 Unit in California Shut February 5

Reuters, 15:17 February 7, 2006.

AES' 225 MW Gas-fired Huntington Beach 3 Unit in California Shut February 5

Reuters, 15:17 February 7, 2006.

Duke's 337 MW Gas-fired Morro Bay 3 Unit in California Shut February 5

Reuters, 15:17 February 7, 2006.

Reliant's 741 MW Gas-fired Ormond Beach 1 Unit in California Shut February 5

Reuters, 15:17 February 7, 2006.

Reliant's 775 MW Gas-fired Ormond Beach 2 Unit in California Shut February 5

Reuters, 15:17 February 7, 2006.

Sempra's 541 MW Gas-fired Palomar Unit in California Shut February 5

Reuters, 15:17 February 7, 2006.

Petroleum

Update: Nigeria Adopts New Security Strategies

Nigeria's President, Olusegun Obasanjo, held an emergency meeting with governors of oil-rich Niger Delta in Abuja to adopt strategies for increasing security in and around oil installations.

http://www.champion-newspapers.com/news/teasers/article_8

Dallas-Based Pioneer Withdrawing From Joint Development Zone in Offshore Nigeria

Pioneer Resources Africa Limited, a subsidiary of Pioneer Natural Resources Company, announced today it is withdrawing from the Joint Development Zone in offshore Nigeria.

<http://biz.yahoo.com/bw/060207/20060207005251.html?.v=1>

Reuters, 14:34 February 7, 2006.

Natural Gas

Natural Gas Spot Prices Reach Six-Month Low

Substantial gas inventories overruled any concerns about cold weather forecasts as gas prices slid today, with Henry Hub in Louisiana reaching its lowest level, at \$7.74, in more than six months.

Reuters, 14:21 February 7, 2006.

Bloomberg, 15:04 February 7, 2006.

Other News

Coal Mines Across U.S. Asked to "Stand Down for Safety" February 6

Coal mines across the country were asked to take an hour at the beginning of each shift yesterday to conduct a mine safety check. The request was made by Acting Assistant Secretary of Labor for Mine Safety and Health, David Dye, in the wake of a recent rise in mine accidents. In response to the unusually high number of mine fatalities in West Virginia this year, the agency deployed additional mine safety inspectors to the state.

<http://edition.cnn.com/2006/US/02/06/mine.standdown.reut/>

Link to DOE Budget Request to Congress

<http://www.cfo.doe.gov/budget/07budget/Start.htm>

Energy Prices

U.S. Oil and Gas Prices			
February 7, 2006			
	Today	Week Ago	Year Ago
CRUDE OIL			
West Texas Intermediate U.S.	63.09	67.92	45.35
\$/Barrel			
NATURAL GAS			
Henry Hub	8.26	8.68	6.02
\$/Million Btu			

Source: Reuters

Energy Notes

11,000 Without Power After Storm in Michigan February 5

http://pro.energycentral.com/professional/news/power/news_article.cfm?id=6309085

World's Largest (36 MW) Solar Photovoltaic Project to be Built in Nevada

<http://www.energycentral.com/>, February 6, 2006.

Construction on Michigan Wind Farm (Fifth Largest in U.S.) Begins in February

http://pro.energycentral.com/professional/news/power/news_article.cfm?id=6309462

Saudi Oil Minister Says Alternative Fuel Plans Harm Investment in Oil Output

Bloomberg, 13:31 February 7, 2006.

Saudi Oil Minister Expresses Concern About U.S. Not Wanting Its Oil, After President Bush's Comments

Reuters, 13:53 February 7, 2006.

Growth in BP's Crude Oil Production in Russia to Slow As Older Fields Decline

Bloomberg, 11:50 February 7, 2006.

Exxon Mobil Corp Plans to Boost Oil and Gas Reserves Through Exploration, Not Acquisition

Bloomberg, 15:40 February 7, 2006.

Development for Enbridge's \$1.3 Billion Southern Access Crude Oil Pipeline Defined

http://home.businesswire.com/portal/site/home/?epi_menuItemID=e23d7f2be635f4725e0fa455c6908a0c&epi_menuID=887566059a3aedb6efaaa9e27a808a0c&epi_baseMenuID=384979e8cc48c441ef0130f5c6908a0c&searchHereRadio=false&ndmHsc=v2*A0*J2*L1*N-1002313*Zoil

Libya to Hire Foreign Companies to Develop Over 300 Untapped Oil Fields

Bloomberg, 2:54 February 7, 2006.

Links

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

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

Updated every Wednesday.

Weekly Petroleum Status Report from EIA

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

Updated after 1:00 PM EST every Wednesday.

Natural Gas Weekly Update from EIA

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

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