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Major Developments

Update: Power Restored to Almost All of the 302,000 Washington-Baltimore Area Customers Hit by Weekend Storm

Power has been restored to nearly all of the more than 300,000 customers in the Baltimore Washington area who lost power during the fierce snowstorm that struck the Northeast this past weekend. PEPCO and Dominion have essentially completed restoration to all customers. By noon on February 14, hardest hit Baltimore Gas and Electric had less than 6,000 customers still without power of the 150,000 customers affected by the storm.

<http://biz.yahoo.com/prnews/060213/nym311.html?.v=2>

Pepeco: <http://www.pepco.com/home/emergency/maps/zip/default.aspx>

Dominion: http://www.dom.com/news/outage_map.jsp

BG&E: <http://www.bge.com/portal/site/bge/menuitem.3465c31fe4bb492164d35302025166a0>

Electricity

Power Outage Affects Major Buildings in Downtown Birmingham, Alabama

According to Alabama Power, a power outage lasting approximately one hour cut off power to the Birmingham-Jefferson Convention Complex, BellSouth City Center, the Financial Center building, The Birmingham News building, Social Security Administration offices, and other businesses in downtown Birmingham.

<http://www.al.com/search/index.ssf?/base/business/113991264011330.xml?birminghamnews?bnews&coll=2>

Solargenix Energy Breaks Ground on 64MW Solar Plant in Nevada: Largest to be Built in World During Past 15 Years

http://pro.energycentral.com/professional/news/power/news_article.cfm?id=6331839

Draft License for Waste Nuclear Fuel Storage Facility in Utah Issued by NRC

On February 13, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission issued a draft license for the construction of a storage facility for spent nuclear fuel. The draft license was issued to Private Fuel Storage, the company that will construct the facility in Toole County, Utah. The company has seven days to comment and if there are no changes, the NRC will then issue the final license.

<http://www.platts.com/Electric%20Power/headlines.jsp>

Dominion Shuts 925 MW Unit 1 at its North Anna Nuclear Plant in Virginia February 13

Dominion shut the 925 MW unit 1 at the North Anna nuclear generating station in Virginia to repair feedwater heaters. The unit is expected to return to service February 20.

Reuters, 14:31 February 14, 2006.

Sempra's 550 MW Gas-fired Palomar Unit in California in Testing Mode February 13

The 550 MW gas-fired Palomar facility of Sempra returned to a testing mode on February 13. The unit, which had been shut since February 5, has been undergoing testing since early January and is scheduled to begin commercial service before the coming summer.

Reuters 09:25 February 14, 2006.

AES's 227 MW Gas-fired Unit 4 in California Shut February 13

Reuters 17:08 February 13, 2006

Mirant's 206 MW Gas-fired Unit 3 in California Shut February 13

Reuters 17:08 February 13, 2006

Petroleum

Update: Cleanup Underway on New York Harbor Oil Spill

Chevron Products Co is working with the Coast Guard, the Environmental Protection Agency, and the New Jersey Department of the Environment to cleanup a crude oil spill that occurred in the Arthur Kill area of New York Harbor. Chevron reported that the leak had been stopped and booms deployed to contain the spill. An estimated 31,000 gallons of crude oil leaked at the company's Perth Amboy facility. By early evening on February 13, approximately 16,000 gallons of oil mixed with water had been recovered, according to a Chevron press release. <http://biz.yahoo.com/prnews/060213/sfm213.html?v=1>

Update: Repairs to Forcados Line Underway – No Word from Shell on Crew Redeployment

According to sources, repairs to the 160,000 b/d Forcados pipeline in Nigeria are underway. However, Shell has not given any indication as to when crews may be redeployed to the four offshore platforms that supply the crude to the pipeline. The crews were evacuated from the facilities in the wake of attacks by militants. Reuters, 05:21 February 14, 2006.

Natural Gas

Williams Restarts Cameron Meadows Processing Plant

The Williams Companies announced that the restart of its Cameron Meadows gas processing plant damaged by Hurricane Rita is underway. Initially, the plant will be capable of processing 300 mmcf/d, and the company anticipates that the plant will again be capable of running at its design capacity of 500 mmcf/d sometime during the second quarter of the year.

Reuters, 12:41 February 14, 2006.

Columbia Gulf Transmission Conducts Open Season for Planned Expansion

Columbia Gulf Transmission Co., a subsidiary of NiSource Inc., initiated a non-binding open season on a proposed 90-mile expansion of its East Lateral system in south Louisiana and the Gulf of Mexico. The extension would run from Venice, Louisiana, to Pascagoula, Mississippi, and is expected to be in service during the first quarter of 2009. http://pro.energycentral.com/professional/news/gas/news_article.cfm?id=6335383

LNG Backers See Smaller Ships as Way to Avoid Bridge Impediment

Opponents of the proposed Weaver Cove LNG plant appeared to defeat the plan when language was included in the Transportation Authorization Bill last fall that blocked demolition of a bridge near the proposed site. Now supporters of the LNG plant have indicated to the FERC that they may employ smaller tankers able to deliver the LNG without the need to demolish or modify the bridge.

NGI's Daily Gas Price Index, February 13, 2006

http://pro.energycentral.com/professional/news/gas/news_article.cfm?id=6335539

Other News

Nothing to report

Energy Prices

U.S. Oil and Gas Prices			
February 14, 2006			
	Today	Week Ago	Year Ago
CRUDE OIL			
West Texas Intermediate U.S.	60.30	63.09	47.30
\$/Barrel			
NATURAL GAS			
Henry Hub	7.35	8.26	6.01
\$/Million Btu			

Source: Reuters

Energy Notes

Total Considering New Coker for Port Arthur Refinery in Texas

Reuters, 13:44 February 14, 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

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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