



# ENERGY ASSURANCE DAILY

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## ***Electricity***

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### **Phases 2 and 3 of SCE's Tehachapi Line Approved by CPUC**

On March 15, the California Public Utilities Commission unanimously approved the second and third phases of the Tehachapi transmission line under development by Southern California Edison. The project has a total of eleven phases that if fully developed have the potential to make available 4,500 MW of renewable capacity to the grid.

Phases 2 and 3 are expected to be in operation by March of 2009.

Reuters, 14:56 March 15, 2007

### **FirstEnergy's 1,250 MW Perry Nuke Unit Back at Full Power in Ohio March 15**

The unit had been operating at a reduced capacity of 70 percent so that work could be performed on a high pressure condenser.

Reuters, 11:41 March 16, 2007

## ***Petroleum***

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### **Fire Shuts Hydrocracking Unit at BP's 260,000 b/d Los Angeles Area Refinery in California March 15**

A brief fire, extinguished after ten minutes, shut the Hydrocracking unit at the BP refinery in Carson, California. According to a company representative, there was no impact on production and all other units were operating normally. There was no indication as to the extent of the damage or the duration of the outage.

Reuters, 10:26 March 16, 2007

Bloomberg News, 18:11 March 15, 2007

### **Update: Shell Begins Repairs on Damaged Pipeline in Nigeria March 16**

Shell announced that that repairs had commenced on the damaged pipeline. The line that has been shut since March 4, carries 187,000 b/d of crude oil to the Bonny Light terminal in Nigeria. Shell had been prevented from getting to the site by protesters. Shell has reached an agreement with the local community and work is now proceeding.

Reuters, 07:57 March 16, 2007

### **Russia, Bulgaria, Greece to Build a 700,000 b/d Crude Oil Pipeline Bypassing Congested Turkish Straits**

The three countries have signed a deal to build the 700,000 b/d Burgas-Alexandroupolis pipeline to export Russian crude oil via Bulgaria and Greece thereby bypassing the congested Turkish straits. Russia plans to ship crude oil from its Novorossiisk port across the Black Sea to the Bulgarian port of Burgas, where it will enter into the pipeline and flow 174 miles to the Greek port of Alexandroupolis on the Aegean Sea.

<http://www.platts.com/Oil/News/8937849.xml?p=Oil/News&sub=Oil>

## Natural Gas

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### FERC Authorizes Algonquin Gas Transmission to Build Pipeline Connection With LNG Project in Massachusetts

FERC has authorized Algonquin Gas Transmission to construct a 24-inch diameter, 16.4-mile pipeline connecting its system in New England to Exceleerate Energy's proposed Northeast Gateway deepwater liquefied natural gas (LNG) terminal in Massachusetts Bay. Algonquin's proposed subsea lateral would have the capacity to transport 800,000 dekatherms per day (about 776 MMcf/d) of regasified LNG. The pipeline project has an in service date of mid-2007.

<http://www.platts.com/Natural%20Gas/News/6366728.xml?p=Natural%20Gas/News&sub=Natural%20Gas>  
<http://www.convertunits.com/from/dekatherm/to/hundred+cubic+foot+of+natural+gas>

### FERC Gives Initial Nod to Kinder Morgan's Proposed Pipeline Connection to LNG Project in Louisiana

FERC has awarded a favorable preliminary determination to Kinder Morgan Louisiana Pipeline LLC to build a 135-mile, mostly 42-inch diameter pipeline that would provide service from Cheniere LNG's 2.6 Bcf/d Sabine Pass liquefied natural gas (LNG) import terminal, which is under construction in Cameron Parish, Louisiana, to multiple natural gas pipelines.

<http://intelligencepress.com/>

## Other News

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### Fire Destroys Railroad Bridge in Sacramento, California Trains Including Ethanol Shipments Diverted

An intense fire broke out on a wooden trestle on the Union Pacific line near Sacramento, California on March 15. The fire destroyed most of the bridge and because of the nature of the trestle is expected to continue smoldering for several days. According to the local CBS television station, some 50 trains are being rerouted. Among the principal products carried on the line are lumber, grain and ethanol.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/bondsNews/idUSN1646582720070316>

Reuters, 11:30 March 16, 2007

[http://cbs2.com/topstories/topstories\\_story\\_075084416.html](http://cbs2.com/topstories/topstories_story_075084416.html)

## Energy Prices

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U.S. Oil and Gas Prices			
March 16, 2007			
	Today	Week Ago	Year Ago
<b>CRUDE OIL</b> <b>West Texas Intermediate U.S.</b> \$/Barrel	57.06	60.24	63.46
<b>NATURAL GAS</b> <b>Henry Hub</b> \$/Million Btu	6.84	7.05	7.12

Source: Reuters

## Energy Notes

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### Western Utilities, WAPA to Study and Plan Ways to Strengthen Regional Transmission System Among Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico and Arizona

[http://seattlepi.nwsourc.com/local/6600AP\\_WST\\_Electricity\\_Transmission.html?source=rss](http://seattlepi.nwsourc.com/local/6600AP_WST_Electricity_Transmission.html?source=rss)

**Over 14,000 Customers Lose Power in Alabama March 15**

<http://www.montgomeryadvertiser.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20070316/NEWS01/703160317>

**Over 12,500 Customers Lose Power in Kansas Early March 16**

[http://www.saljournal.com/?module=displaystory&story\\_id=10727&format=html](http://www.saljournal.com/?module=displaystory&story_id=10727&format=html)

**10,000 Customers in Pennsylvania Lose Power Late March 14**

[http://www.bradfordera.com/site/news.cfm?newsid=18087466&BRD=52&PAG=461&dept\\_id=569780&rft=6](http://www.bradfordera.com/site/news.cfm?newsid=18087466&BRD=52&PAG=461&dept_id=569780&rft=6)

**Update: Italian and French Oil Workers, Last Foreign Hostages Released in Nigeria**

Reuters, 03:30 March 16, 2007

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**Links**

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***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](http://www.eia.doe.gov/oil_gas/petroleum/data_publications/weekly_petroleum_status_report/wpsr.html)

Updated after 10:30 AM & 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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