



ENERGY ASSURANCE DAILY

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Electricity

Entergy's 966 MW River Bend Nuke Unit 1 in Louisiana Shut by March 21

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission reported that on the morning of March 20 the unit was operating at 70 percent. The unit had been ramping up from a refueling outage, when equipment problems forced the unit to shut. A company spokesman declined to provide more specific information.

<http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/event-status/reactor-status/2008/>

Reuters, 10:52 March 21, 2008

FirstEnergy's 1,235 MW Perry Nuke Unit 1 in Ohio Reduced to 80 Percent by March 21

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission reported that on the morning of March 20 the unit was operating at 95 percent. Information derived from the NRC Power Reactor Status Reports:

<http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/event-status/reactor-status/2008/>

PSE&G's 1,096 MW Salem Nuke Unit 1 in New Jersey Reduced to 50 Percent by March 21

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission reported that on the morning of March 20 the unit was operating at full power. Information derived from the NRC Power Reactor Status Reports:

<http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/event-status/reactor-status/2008/>

Progress Energy's 834 MW Crystal River Nuke Unit 3 in Florida Ramped Up to 20 Percent by March 21

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission reported that on the morning of March 20 the unit was not operating. The unit was shut earlier in the month to repair a reactor coolant pump seal.

<http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/event-status/reactor-status/2008/>

Platts, 8:47 March 21, 2008

Entergy's 1,207 MW Grand Gulf Nuke Unit 1 in Mississippi Ramped Up to 75 Percent by March 21

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission reported that on the morning of March 20 the unit was operating at 65 percent. Information derived from the NRC Power Reactor Status Reports:

<http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/event-status/reactor-status/2008/>

Exelon's 1,134 MW Limerick Nuke Unit 1 in Pennsylvania Ramped Up to 21 Percent by March 21

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission reported that on the morning of March 20 the unit was operating at 1 percent. Information derived from the NRC Power Reactor Status Reports:

<http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/event-status/reactor-status/2008/>

Southern's 856 MW Hatch Nuke Unit 1 in Georgia Ramped Up to 44 Percent by March 21

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission reported that on the morning of March 20 the unit was operating at 19 percent. Information derived from the NRC Power Reactor Status Reports:

<http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/event-status/reactor-status/2008/>

KCP&L's 1,422 MW La Cygne Coal-fired Power Plant in Kansas Reduced March 19 – Traders

Traders told reporters that the power plant was reduced by fifty percent, no reason was provided.

Reuters, 13:35 March 20, 2008

Update: Wyoming PSC Approves Black Hills Corporation's 100 MW Wygen Coal-fired Unit 3

The Wyoming Public Service Commission approved the last regulatory measure required for the plant to begin construction. The company plans to begin construction immediately, and expects the facility to be complete in 24 to 30 months.

<http://www.blackhillscorp.com/news08/032008a.htm>

Enmax Plans 1,000 MW Gas-fired Power Plant in Calgary, Alberta

The company plans have the facility up and running by late 2011.
Bloomberg News, 17:58 March 20, 2008

Petroleum

Fire Reported at United Refining's 65,000 b/d Warren, Pennsylvania Refinery March 20

The refinery was operating at reduced levels after an early morning fire in a vacuum tower on March 20. A company spokesman expected the refinery would not return to full capacity for three to four days. The company remained confident that it had sufficient reserves to supply retail distributors.

<http://www.goerie.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20080321/NEWS05/803210371/-1/NEWS>

Platts, 9:29 March 21, 2008

Naphtha Leak Reported at BP's 410,000 b/d Whiting, Indiana Refinery March 19

According to a company spokesman, an undetermined amount of naphtha was released from a pipestill after the unit restarted following months of planned repairs. The leak was identified and repaired by 9 AM March 20. The smell of gas led many residents to call natural gas provider NIPSCO to investigate. The utility found no natural gas leaks.

<http://www.post-trib.com/news/854274.lcstink.article>

Fuel Thefts from Retail Stations on the Rise

There have been reports of thefts not only from gas pumps, but some thieves are stealing thousands of gallons particularly of diesel fuel from the underground storage tanks at stations. Some reports cite high fuel prices as driving the increase in fuel thefts, which in 2006 amounted to \$122 million nationwide.

<http://www.chron.com/dispatch/story.mpl/business/5637566.html>

Natural Gas

MarkWest Partners to Hold Open Season for 625,000 Dth/d Arkoma Connector Pipeline in Oklahoma

The company announced the beginning of an open season to solicit nominations from shippers. The pipeline would run from Coalgate, Oklahoma to near Bennington, Oklahoma to connect with the proposed Midcontinent Express and Gulf Crossing pipelines.

http://www.businesswire.com/portal/site/google/?ndmViewId=news_view&newsId=20080320005206&newsLang=en

U.S. Natural Gas Infrastructure Functioning Well – FERC Chairman

FERC Chairman, Joseph Kelliher, said that the natural gas market in the United States was functioning well. Recent infrastructure additions have adequately met the demand for fuel, and have effectively moved the production increases in East Texas and the Rocky Mountains to markets. Kelliher contrasted the success in natural gas to the power transmission grid, which remains strained and requires several years to make appropriate expansions.

<http://www.platts.com/Natural%20Gas/News/6831432.xml?p=Natural%20Gas/News&sub=Natural%20Gas>

Update: Cheniere Energy Seeks Extension to Build LNG Terminal In Corpus Christi, Texas

The company is seeking an extension from FERC to delay opening the proposed terminal until 2012. The company cited current market conditions and underdeveloped international liquefaction facilities as reasons for the delay.
Bloomberg News, 16:47 March 20, 2008

Other News

Nothing to report.

Energy Prices

U.S. Oil and Gas Prices			
March 21, 2008			
	Today	Week Ago	Year Ago
CRUDE OIL West Texas Intermediate U.S. \$/Barrel	102.57	105.51	56.68
NATURAL GAS Henry Hub \$/Million Btu	8.54	9.70	6.82

Source: Reuters

Energy Notes

14,425 Duke Energy Customers in Ohio without Power March 20

As of 4:30 PM EST <http://www.duke-energy.com/ohio/outages/current.asp>

Minor Mechanical Failure Reported at ConocoPhillips's 247,000 b/d Sweeny, Texas Refinery March 20

<http://www2.tceq.state.tx.us/eer/main/index.cfm?fuseaction=getDetails&target=105248>

Flaring Reported at ConocoPhillips's 76,000 b/d Rodeo, California Refinery March 20

<http://www.oes.ca.gov/Operational/MALHaz.nsf/f1841a103c102734882563e200760c4a/122ee19bccaaacaf88257413001737fe?OpenDocument>

Turbine Shutdown Reported at Goldsmith Gas Plant in Texas March 20

<http://www2.tceq.state.tx.us/eer/main/index.cfm?fuseaction=getDetails&target=105249>

Copper Thieves Strike Central Florida Power Station, 3,200 Customers in Mulberry, Florida Lose Power

http://pro.energycentral.com/professional/news/power/news_article.cfm?id=9966320

FERC Approves Colorado Interstate Gas Co's Expansion to the Denver Metro Area March 20

<http://www.ferc.gov/whats-new/comm-meet/2008/032008/C-2.pdf>

FERC Approves Iroquois Gas Transmission Expansion on Long Island and New York City

http://www.iroquois.com/new-Internet/igts/0809ExpansionProject/FERC_Approval.pdf

Update: California Energy Commission Recommends License for 563 MW Victorville Solar and Natural Gas Power Plant in California

http://pro.energycentral.com/professional/news/power/news_article.cfm?id=9966199

Kansas Governor Vetoes Bill That Strips Secretary of Health and Environment the Power to Cite Greenhouse Emissions as Reason to Deny Air Permits

Platts, 11:52 March 21, 2008

Worker Error Leaves Several Thousand Aquila Natural Gas Customers without Service for 2-3 Days in Beatrice, Nebraska

http://pro.energycentral.com/professional/news/gas/news_article.cfm?id=9967031

High Oil Prices and Weak Dollar Affecting Imports and Exports of Gas and Coal – FERC

<http://intelligencepress.com/>

Update: Judge Dismisses Lawsuit Filed Against Long Beach, California After City Rejects LNG Plant

http://pro.energycentral.com/professional/news/gas/news_article.cfm?id=9965308

Update: Mexican Oil Exporting Ports Coatzacoalcos and Dos Bocas Reopen After Bad Weather March 21

Reuters, 11:19 March 21, 2008

Gunmen Attack Security Vessel En Route to Niger Delta in Nigeria, One Sailor Killed

<http://www.reuters.com/article/africaCrisis/idUSL20509941>

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 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>

Updated after 2:00 PM EST every Thursday.

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