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Electricity

Nearly 200,000 Customers Lose Power after Southern California Windstorm April 12

The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power had 106,000 customers lose power, while Southern California Edison had 89,700 customers lose power. About half of those customers were restored by the end of Thursday night. Tens of thousands of Southern California customers remained without power today because of downed power lines. All customers may not be restored until Friday or Saturday according to a LADWP spokesman.

<http://abclocal.go.com/kabc/story?section=local&id=5205883>

<http://knsd.weatherplus.com/weathernews/11781538/detail.html?rss=dgo&psp=news>

http://today.reuters.com/news/articlenews.aspx?type=domesticNews&storyid=2007-04-13T145441Z_01_N13437382_RTRUKOC_0_US-UTILITIES-LADWP-OUTAGES.xml

<http://www.desertdispatch.com/onset?db=desertdispatch&id=365&template=article.html>

Update: Three Units at PPL's 2,094MW Coal-fired Colstrip Power Plant in Montana Trip Again April 12

Units 1, 3, and 4 shut due to a transmission line trip on Wednesday and after beginning to restart, shut again due to a transmission trip on Thursday.

Reuters, 09:39 April 13, 2007

TXU Delays Restart of Martin Lake and Monticello Plants in Texas Shut for Maintenance

The two plants delayed include the 750 MW Martin Lake coal-fired unit 2 in Tatum, Texas and the 565 MW Monticello coal-fired unit 2 in Mount Pleasant, Texas. The Monticello plant was shut on April 4 and was briefly restarted yesterday and then shutdown again to fix a boiler tube leak. The Martin Lake unit was shut on April 12 to fix a tube leak.

Bloomberg News, 12:44 April 12, 2007

Reuters, 20:19 and 23:12 April 12, 2007

FPL's 693 MW Turkey Point Nuke Unit 3 Reduces Output 50 Percent April 13

Output was reduced to about half power due to the buildup of grass and other vegetation in the cooling water intake from a severe storm.

Reuters, 07:27 and 13:42 April 13, 2007

APS's 1,247 MW Palo Verde Nuke Unit 3 in Arizona Shut April 13

Reuters, 08:29 April 13, 2007

Entergy's 1,131 MW Columbia Nuke Unit in Washington Exits Outage April 13

The company shut the unit on April 9 following a fire that damaged a backup power system on April 7. The unit was up to 4 percent power early Friday morning.

Reuters, 07:28 and 08:29 April 13, 2007

Update: CPS's 405 MW JT Deely Coal-fired Unit 2 in Texas Restarted April 13

Reuters, 23:12 April 12, 2007

Constellation's 325 MW High Desert Gas-fired Unit in California Shut April 12

Reuters, 23:12 April 12, 2007

CDWR's 199 MW Hyatt-Therm Hydro-powered Unit in California Shut April 12

Reuters, 23:12 April 12, 2007

Reliant's 215 MW Mandalay Gas-fired Unit 2 in California Shut April 12

Reuters, 23:12 April 12, 2007

Dynegy's 739 MW Moss Landing Gas-fired Unit 7 in California Shut April 12

Reuters, 23:12 April 12, 2007

Environmental Review is Next for Proposed Hybrid Power Plant in Victorville, California

The California Energy Commission (CEC) voted 4-0 on April 11 to proceed with an environmental review of the plant. The plant is scheduled to have a capacity of 563 megawatts, with 513 megawatts fueled by natural gas and 50 megawatts fueled by 250 acres of solar-thermal collectors. If Victorville 2 receives a license from the CEC by February, construction would start in the summer of 2008, and the plant would be operating by late summer 2010. <http://www.vvdailynews.com/common/printer/view.php?db=vvdailynews&id=671>

Petroleum

ExxonMobil Reports Leak in Line at 348,000 b/d Beaumont Refinery in Texas

The refinery had a malfunction in a line between a vacuum tower and a fuel-gas system. ExxonMobil rerouted the normal flow to repair the leak.

Bloomberg News, 12:16 April 13, 2007

ExxonMobil's 155,000 b/d Torrance Refinery in California Burns Off Sulfur Dioxide in Planned Flare

Bloomberg News, April 13, 2007

U.S. Energy Secretary Bodman Concerned About Gasoline Prices; Confident about Supplies

Some analysts are worried about U.S. gasoline inventories which have dropped more than 12 percent since early February.

Reuters, 00:06 and 10:07 April 13, 2007

Natural Gas

Update: California Coastal Commission Rejects BHP's Offshore LNG Port April 12

The California Coastal Commission by a 12-0 vote rejected a proposed liquefied natural gas port by BHP Billiton Ltd. Earlier this week, the California State Lands Commission voted 2-1 to reject the plan.

Reuters, 23:23 April 12, 2007

FERC Clears Rest of CEGT Carthage-to-Perryville Pipe for Service

NGI's Daily Gas Price Index, April 13, 2007, <http://intelligencepress.com/>

Snowstorms Reduce Canadian Natural Gas Supplies

NGI's Daily Gas Price Index, April 13, 2007, <http://intelligencepress.com/>

Other News

DOE Assistant Secretary Asks Senate to Fund Biofuels Development and Infrastructure

Alexander Karsner, the Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy at the U.S. Department of Energy testified before the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on April 12 at the hearings on Senate Bill 987, the Biofuels for Energy Security and Transportation Act. He urged the Committee to adopt the volumetric targets of 35 billion gallons of renewable and alternative fuel in the next decade, as established by the President. He also argued for more investment in bioenergy R&D and in ethanol and biofuels infrastructure. Other speakers at the hearings included the heads of the Renewable Fuels Association, the Natural Resources Defense Council, the American Petroleum Institute, and Iogen Corporation. To view any of the speaker's testimony, click on the link below and choose the speaker.

http://energy.senate.gov/public/index.cfm?FuseAction=Hearings.Hearing&Hearing_ID=1618

Energy Prices

U.S. Oil and Gas Prices			
April 13, 2007			
	Today	Week Ago	Year Ago
CRUDE OIL West Texas Intermediate U.S. \$/Barrel	63.63	64.26	69.53
NATURAL GAS Henry Hub \$/Million Btu	7.93	7.53	6.64

Source: Reuters

Energy Notes

Seminole Plans to Build 150-mile Nebraska Pipe Catering to Ethanol Market

NGI's Daily Gas Price Index, April 13, 2007, <http://intelligencepress.com/>

Iraq's Oil Exports Growing

February 1.5 million b/d; March 1.6 million b/d; April 1.7 million b/d

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

Oil Terminals with Old Docks Seen as Vulnerable to Spills and Fires

<http://www.chron.com/disp/story.mpl/ap/fn/4710944.html>

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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