



ENERGY ASSURANCE DAILY

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Electricity

Luminant's 1,150 MW Comanche Peak Nuke Unit 2 in Texas Ramped Up to 99 Percent by April 23

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission reported that on the morning of April 22 the unit was operating at 90 percent. Information derived from the NRC Power Reactor Status Reports:

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

SCE&G's 966 MW Summer Nuke Unit in South Carolina Reduced to 85 Percent by April 23

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission reported that on the morning of April 22 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/>

Entergy's 951 MW Indian Point Nuke Unit 2 in New York Ramped Up to 60 Percent by April 23

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission reported that on the morning of April 22 the unit was operating at 3 percent. The unit was manually reduced on April 21 when the main turbine generator falsely indicated that its speed had been reduced. Technicians attributed the event to a faulty circuit which was replaced.

<http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/event-status/reactor-status/2008/>http://www.midhudsonnews.com/News/April08/22/IP2_online-22Apr08.htm

Luminant's 750 MW Martin Lake Coal-fired Unit 3 in Texas Restarted April 23

According to a report filed with state regulators, the unit was restarted following the conclusion of boiler tube leak repairs.

<http://www2.tceq.state.tx.us/eer/main/index.cfm?fuseaction=getDetails&target=106583>

Duke Energy's 510 MW Moss Landing Power Block 2 Gas-fired Unit in California Reduced April 22

According to the California Independent System Operator, the unit experienced an unplanned curtailment of 180 MW on April 22.

<http://www.caiso.com/unitstatus/data/unitstatus200804221515.html>

AES's 332 MW Alamos Gas-fired Unit 3 in California Returns to Service April 22

According to the California Independent System Operator, the unit returned from an unplanned outage.

<http://www.caiso.com/unitstatus/data/unitstatus200804221515.html>

Reliant's 215 MW Mandalay Gas-fired Unit 2 in California Returns to Service April 22

According to the California Independent System Operator, the unit returned from an unplanned outage.

<http://www.caiso.com/unitstatus/data/unitstatus200804221515.html>

City of Vernon's 134 MW Malburg Generating Station Gas-fired Unit in California Shut April 22

According to the California Independent System Operator, the unit experienced an unplanned outage on April 22.

<http://www.caiso.com/unitstatus/data/unitstatus200804221515.html>

Update: Construction at Entergy's Little Gypsy Oil and Gas Unit 3 in Louisiana Potentially Delayed Due to Court Mercury Ruling

The company announced that it may have to delay construction on the facility due to a US Circuit Court of Appeals ruling increasing requirements on mercury emissions for power generators. The company's permit from the EPA to re-power the idled oil and gas unit was overturned by the court. The company expects to submit more information to show how the plant will meet "maximum achievable control technology" (MACT) before construction can begin.
<http://www.platts.com/Coal/News/8682383.xml?p=Coal/News&sub=Coal>

Intergen's 322 MW Central La Rosita II Gas-fired Unit in Mexico Returns to Service April 22

According to the California Independent System Operator, the unit returned from an unplanned outage.
<http://www.caiso.com/unitstatus/data/unitstatus200804221515.html>

Petroleum

Update: BP Preparing for Possible Shut Down of 700,000 b/d Forties North Sea Pipeline System If Strike Cuts Services to Forties System Terminal

BP has announced that it is preparing for a possible shutdown of the Forties North Sea crude oil pipeline system if plans for a labor strike scheduled April 27-29 at the Grangemouth Refinery in Scotland go forward. Ineos, operator of Grangemouth is in the process of shutting down the refinery which also supplies power and other services to the Kinneil receiving terminal for the Forties system. At this time, Ineos has not made it clear whether a shutdown of the refinery would impact the terminal operations.

<http://www.easybourse.com/bourse-actualite/bp/bp-says-preparing-for-possible-forties-oil-pipeline-shutdown-GB0007980591-439613>

Oil Daily, April 22, 2008

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FCC Rates Cut at ExxonMobil's 563,000 b/d Baytown, Texas Refinery April 22

According to a filing with state regulators, the company cut rates on a fluid catalytic cracking unit after three boilers tripped off-line. At the time of filing two of the three downed boilers were restarted. The company reported minimal impact on production.

<http://www2.tceq.state.tx.us/ee/main/index.cfm?fuseaction=getDetails&target=106703>

Operational Issue Causes ConocoPhillips to Stop Production at J-Block North Sea Oil and Gas Fields

The company announced that it had halted production a few hours after restarting operations from an earlier upset on April 20. A company spokesperson said that technicians were working to get the field back online.
Bloomberg News, 05:40 April 23, 2008

Update: Nigerian Oil Minister Sees "No Significant" Supply Disruption from Bonny Terminal Attack

Nigerian Oil Minister told reporters on April 22 that he expected an interruption between 25,000-30,000 b/d of crude after attacks on Shell's Bonny crude terminal April 21. The minister expected repairs to occur quickly and output to be restored to original capacity soon.

http://www.rigzone.com/news/article_pf.asp?a_id=60723

Natural Gas

Nicor Announces Plans to Develop 5.5 Bcf Underground Gas Storage Facility in California

Nicor subsidiary Central Valley Gas Storage announced plans to develop a 5.5 Bcf storage facility with the potential to be expanded up to 8 Bcf. Interim service is expected by 2010, with firm services beginning by April 2011. The company initiated a non-binding open season to obtain interest in the 5.5 Bcf working capacity.

http://www.nicor.com/en_us/news_and_media/latest_releases/release_04_15_08.htm

Other News

Nothing to report.

Energy Prices

U.S. Oil and Gas Prices			
April 23, 2008			
	Today	Week Ago	Year Ago
CRUDE OIL West Texas Intermediate U.S. \$/Barrel	118.89	113.22	65.33
NATURAL GAS Henry Hub \$/Million Btu	10.56	10.16	7.24

Source: Reuters

Energy Notes

Accident Reported while Laying Pipe at Trunkline LNG Terminal in Louisiana

<http://www.kplctv.com/Global/story.asp?S=8206340&nav=0n4JbT6y>

DOE To Invest Up to \$50 Million Over Five Years to Increase National Electricity Grid Efficiency

<http://www.doe.gov/news/6170.htm>

Electric Motor Fault Trip Reported at Tilden Gas Plant in Texas April 21

<http://www2.tceq.state.tx.us/ee/main/index.cfm?fuseaction=getDetails&target=106629>

Ridgewood Renewable Power Announces Approval of 30 MW Expansion for Landfill Gas to Electricity Project in California

<http://www.sys-con.com/read/549605.htm>

NARUC Names 16 State Regulators to Serve on Federal-State Smart Grid Collaboration

<http://www.naruc.org/News/default.cfm?pr=77>

Rockies Express Pipeline Seeks FERC Authorization to Open Service on Remaining Line

<http://intelligencepress.com/>

http://www.rexpipeline.com/docs/rex_west_april_21.pdf

Group Alleges PG&E's Diablo Canyon Employees Muzzled Regarding Safety Concerns, NRC to Investigate

<http://www.sanluisobispo.com/news/local/story/339145.html>

Los Angeles Community College Unveils Solar Paneled Carport at East Los Angeles College

http://www.dailynews.com/news/ci_9008347

French Oil and Gas Ports on Atlantic and Mediterranean Blocked by Strikers

<http://www.platts.com/Oil/News/8684235.xml?p=Oil/News&sub=Oil>

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

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Natural Gas Weekly Update from EIA

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

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