



ENERGY ASSURANCE DAILY

Thursday Evening, May 08, 2008

Electricity

OPG's 215 MW Atikokan Coal-fired Unit in Ontario Shut May 8

Reuters, 8:46 May 8, 2008

OPG's 490 MW Nanticoke Coal-fired Unit 1 in Ontario Returns to Service May 8

The unit had shut on May 7.

Reuters, 21:07 May 7, 2008

Reuters, 08:18 May 8, 2008

OPG's 515 MW Pickering Nuke Unit 1 in Ontario Shut May 6

Reuters, 21:07 May 7, 2008

Update: Entergy's 813 MW FitzPatrick Nuke Unit in New York Ramped Up to 86 Percent by May 8

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission reported that on the morning of May 7 the unit was operating at 55 percent. Information derived from the NRC Power Reactor Status Reports:

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

Update: PSE&G's 1,092 MW Salem Nuke Unit 2 in New Jersey Ramped Up to 15 Percent by May 8

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission reported that on the morning of May 7 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/>

Update: FPL's 1,155 MW Seabrook Nuke Unit 1 in New Hampshire Ramped Up to 14 Percent by May 8

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission reported that on the morning of May 7 the unit was not operating.

Information derived from the NRC Power Reactor Status Reports:

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

Update: U.S. DOE Unveils \$1.3 Billion Clean-Coal Plant Project

The project proposes technology at clean-coal plants to capture carbon emissions and permanently store them underground. There will be two weeks of public comment over the revised plan.

http://biz.yahoo.com/ap/080507/coal_plant.html?v=2

Petroleum

Enbridge Plans 400,000 b/d Crude Oil Pipeline Expansion from Alberta to Texas

Enbridge is looking to expand a network of pipelines that carry crude from Alberta to Gulf Coast. The pipeline would connect from a mainline in Patoka, Illinois to the Houston, Texas area and have a capacity of 400,000 b/d by 2012. Enbridge has stated that an expansion is considered because it would be more cost effective than building a new pipeline.

<http://www.thestar.com/Business/article/422671>

Compressor Trips at Chevron's 260,000 b/d El Segundo, California Refinery May 8

According to a filing with state regulators, the compressor tripped offline and caused flaring.

Reuters, 08:45 May 8, 2008

Bloomberg News, 08:01 May 8, 2008

NEB of Canada Reports Increase in Oil Pipeline Applications in 2007

According to a report released by the National Energy Board (NEB), increasing crude prices have led to a rise in applications for new crude oil pipelines. NEB considered applications for 885,000 b/d of crude capacity in 2007, while only 40,000 b/d of new capacity was filed in 2006.

http://www.downstreamtoday.com/News/Articles/200805/NEB_Projects_More_Oil_Pipeline_Capacity_10688.aspx

Natural Gas

AGL Resources Breaks Ground on Spindletop Gas Salt Dome in Texas May 7

The project consists of two natural gas storage caverns and a nine-mile pipeline to link the storage facility with a neighboring gas transmission line. AGL Resources initially planned 12 Bcf of storage capacity, but has plans to eventually increase the capacity to 28 Bcf.

http://www.aglresources.com/pressroom/news_details.aspx?releaseID=1141398&earn=1

Inergy Sold Out Available 5.7 Bcf Capacity at Thomas Corners Natural Gas Storage Project in New York

Inergy will proceed with expansion plans for the project since selling all available capacity.

http://www.redorbit.com/news/business/1374477/inergy_sells_thomas_corners_natural_gas_storage_project/

Williams and Puget Sound to Hold Binding Open Season for Shippers for 500,000 Dth/d Blue Bridge Pipeline Project in Oregon

Williams and Puget Sound is holding an open season for shippers for the project, which includes 172 miles of 30- and 36-inch diameter pipeline and additional compression power. The additional capacity is expected to be available in November 2011.

<http://www.williams.com/newsroom/>

Other News

Nothing to Report.

Energy Prices

U.S. Oil and Gas Prices			
May 8, 2008			
	Today	Week Ago	Year Ago
CRUDE OIL			
West Texas Intermediate U.S.	122.58	110.90	62.22
\$/Barrel			
NATURAL GAS			
Henry Hub	11.08	10.81	7.50
\$/Million Btu			

Source: Reuters

Avista to Construct 50 MW Wind Farm in Washington

<http://avistacorp.mediaroom.com/index.php?s=43&item=824>

Tanker Truck Crashes, Spills About 4,000 Gallons of Crude in Utah May 8

http://www.kutv.com/content/news/local/story.aspx?content_id=ac64124e-d1a5-4e74-9e6f-1e4a3c8e32b5

FPL Tests Preparedness by Conducting Exercise Simulation of a Hurricane Landfall in its Service Area

<http://www.fpl.com/news/2008/050808.shtml>

Nido Petroleum Announces Potential 11.6 Bbls of Crude Oil in the Palawan Basin in the Philippines

<http://www.nido.com.au/files/asxannounce/Strategic%20Partner%20Announcement%20060508.pdf>

NRC Issues Entergy with “Noncited Violation” for Failing to Follow Recommendations for Cooling Tower Problems at its 510 MW Vermont Yankee Nuclear Plant in Vermont, There Will be no Penalty for the Partial Collapse of One Cooling Tower on August 21

<http://www.rutlandherald.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20080507/NEWS04/805070388/1003/NEWS02>

Valero and Chevron Agree to Settle MTBE Drinking Water Contamination Lawsuits

http://biz.yahoo.com/ap/080508/mtbe_settlement.html?v=1

Storms and Possible Tornadoes Knock Out Power to 14,000 Oklahoma Gas & Electric Customers in Oklahoma May 7

<http://newsok.com/no-tornadoes-confirmed-stormy-weather-possible-through-saturday/article/3240584/?tm=1210252032>

U.S. Gas Storage Will Remain at Current Record-Low Levels if LNG Imports Remain Below 1 Bcf/d – Goldman Sachs

<http://www.platts.com/Natural%20Gas/News/6870947.xml?p=Natural%20Gas/News&sub=Natural%20Gas>

U.S. Will Continue to Accept Bids to Fill U.S. Strategic Petroleum Reserve Despite Record Oil Prices – DOE Secretary Bodman

Reuters, 11:34 May 8, 2008

TEi Completes Construction of Tampa Electric’s Big Bend Unit 3 Upgrade

http://pro.energycentral.com/professional/news/power/news_article.cfm?id=10259442

Chevron and Keenan Development Announce Commercial Operation of \$100 Million Utility Plant to Provide Power to the National Interagency Biodefense Campus at Fort Detrick in Maryland

<http://biz.yahoo.com/bw/080508/20080508005161.html?v=1>

Russia and Kazakhstan to Double Capacity of Caspian Region Oil Pipeline to an Annual Capacity of 67 Million Metric Tons

<http://www.businessweek.com/ap/financialnews/D90H0RQ00.htm>

Statoil Reconstructs and Extends Life of Tune Field in the North Sea by an Estimated 2.9 Bcm of Natural Gas

http://www.rigzone.com/news/article.asp?a_id=61599

Nigeria Crude Exports Expected at 1.74 MMb/d in June, Excluding Bonny Light - Traders

Reuters, 11:59 May 8, 2008

OPEC Says Current Oil Supply is Sufficient for World Market, Production Will Increase if Demand Increases

Reuters, 11:52 May 8, 2008

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>

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