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Electricity

DOE Announces Additional Public Comment Meetings for Draft National Corridor Designations

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) today announced that it will hold four additional public meetings for the two draft National Interest Electric Transmission Corridors (National Corridors) during the 60-day public comment period, which will close on July 6, 2007. The four additional meetings will be held in June in: Phoenix, Arizona; Las Vegas, Nevada; Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; and Rochester, New York. Dates and locations will be published in the Federal Register in the coming days. DOE previously announced it would host three public meetings at the following locations: Arlington, Virginia on May 15, 2007; San Diego, California on May 17, 2007; and New York, New York on May 23, 2007. These draft National Corridors cover geographic areas where millions of consumers are currently adversely affected by transmission capacity constraints or congestion. The draft Mid-Atlantic Area National Corridor includes counties in Ohio, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, New York, Maryland, Virginia, all of New Jersey, Delaware, and the District of Columbia. The draft Southwest Area National Corridor includes counties in California, Arizona, and Nevada.

For information and/or to submit comments, visit: <http://nietc.anl.gov>.

<http://www.dailypressandargus.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20070509/NEWS01/7050>

Regulatory Requests Filed for New 800 MW Coal-fired Plant in Ohio May 7

American Municipal Power of Ohio filed the requests and hopes to begin construction in 2008 or 2009. It expects to have a 500 MW unit completed by 2012 and a 300 MW unit completed by 2012 or 2013.

<http://www.platts.com/Coal/News/6381829.xml?p=Coal/News&sub=Coal>

Edison Mission Group Completes 161 MW Wildorado Wind Farm in Texas

<http://www.edison.com/pressroom/pr.asp?id=6696>

Public Service Commission Holds Public Hearing May 7 on 159 MW Wind Farm Plan for North Dakota

<http://powermarketers.net/contentinc.net/newsreader.asp?ppa=8knpp%5E%5BmmltopxYSlj%216C%29bfem%5Ev>

Investments in Carbon Capture Critical for Future of Coal-fired Power – Experts

Reuters, 11:09 May 9, 2007

Delta Power's 240 MW Crockett Gas-fired Unit in California Shut May 8

Reuters, 08:38 May 9, 2007

Update: Exelon's 867 MW Dresden Nuke Unit 2 in Illinois Ramps up to 44 Percent Power May 9

Unit 2 shut down May 4 due to loss of feedwater. The unit was at 4 percent capacity on Tuesday.

Reuters, 07:08 May 9, 2007

Entergy's 798 MW Palisades Nuke Unit in Michigan Shuts May 8

The unit shut due to a low level indication from a steam generator.

Bloomberg News, May 9, 2007

Sithe Global Power says 875 MW Goreway Power Plant in Ontario Delayed

Construction delays will prevent opening of the first (500 MW) unit planned for about June 15, 2007.

Reuters, 15:51 May 8, 2007

Petroleum

Fire Breaks Out at Propane Plant in Michigan May 8

An explosion and fire occurred Tuesday afternoon at Reliance Propane & Fuel Oil in Monroe County, Michigan. A tanker truck and various propane tanks caught fire. Firefighters have allowed the fire to burn rather than risk injury from exploding propane tanks.

<http://www.livingstondaily.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=200770509009>

LOOP to Add Storage to Meet Increased Demand

The Louisiana Offshore Oil Port (LOOP) filed with Louisiana regulators for permission to add up to eight 600,000 barrel tanks at its secondary tank farm and to boost annual throughputs by 100 million barrels per year. The first two tanks will be completed by the end of 2008 and the next two by the end of 2009.

Reuters, 10:12 May 9, 2007

Valero's 340,000 b/d Corpus Christi Refinery in Texas Releases Benzene

Valero estimated that it will release 23 pounds of benzene and 5,000 pounds of volatile organic compounds by the time the incident is over in about 24 hours.

Bloomberg News, 11:04 May 9, 2007

Update: Sinclair to Reduce Gasoline Production in Wyoming Next 10 days

Sinclair's 72,000 b/d Refinery in Wyoming will need to reduce gasoline production over the next 10 days as a result of a power outage that damaged its catalytic cracker on Sunday.

Bloomberg News, 02:56 May 9, 2007

Gunmen Seize 4 U.S. Oil Workers Supporting Chevron in Nigeria May 8

http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20070509/ap_on_re_af/nigeria_oil_unrest_31:_ylt=AgiuyVYTHDEXxv.Bf04f92AsnsA

Eni SpA Declares Force Majeure on Brass River Crude Oil Exports Out of Nigeria

Eni SpA says its output is down by 98,000 b/d at its Brass terminal after the militant attack on pipelines yesterday.

Reuters, 02:09 May 9, 2007

Reuters, 13:01 May 9, 2007

Reuters, 11:39 May 9, 2007

Tanker to Load at Nigeria's Brass Terminal May 9

This tanker may be the last to load until more fuel arrives.

Reuters, 06:02 May 9, 2007

New Naphtha Cracker in Taiwan to Use 90,000 b/d of Naphtha Starting the End of May May Indirectly Affect U.S. Summer Gasoline Market

Reuters, 00:30 May 9, 2007

Refining Dilemma: Reducing Sulfur Increases Carbon Dioxide

Peter Tian, secretary general of the European Petroleum Industry Association, which represents Europe's downstream oil industry, said that reducing sulfur emissions results in increased emissions of carbon dioxide.

Reuters, 08:30 May 9, 2007

Natural Gas

Nothing to report.

Other News

Xethanol to Build New 35 Million Gallon per Year Ethanol Unit at Blairstown, Iowa

The company has completed designs and the engineering phase and will complete construction 14 months after acquiring funding. The unit will be co-located with an existing ethanol plant on the site.

<http://www.platts.com/Petrochemicals/News/6381824.xml?p=Petrochemicals/News&sub=Petrochemicals>

Ethanol Facility Near Council Bluffs, Iowa Gets Tax Incentives

The facility being built by MidAmerican would get \$1 million every year for the next 12 years by the Pottawattamie County Board. When completed, the plant will produce between 110 and 220 million gallons of ethanol per year.

<http://powermarketers.net/contentinc.net/newsreader.asp?ppa=8knpp%5E%5BmmolorWSlj%216C%29bfem%5Ev>

Storm Damage Stops 80 UP Coal Trains

Storms in the Midwest over the weekend have slowed coal trains and it will take a couple of weeks to restore normal traffic according to Union Pacific (UP). UP said 80 of its coal trains were stopped by rains, floods and damaged track.

Reuters, 16:27 May 8, 2007

Production at Powder River Basin Coal Mines in Wyoming Slowed Due to Heavy Rains

Reuters, 16:27 May 8, 2007

Midwest Floods Slow Barge Traffic Near St. Louis, Missouri

This could slow oil and coal movements on the Mississippi and Missouri rivers, but should cause no supply issues at this time.

Reuters, 15:53 May 8, 2007

NRC Belatedly Reveals 2006 Uranium Spill at Tennessee Fuel Facility

<http://www.decatordaily.com/decatordaily/news/070509/nrc.shtml>

Energy Prices

U.S. Oil and Gas Prices			
May 9, 2007			
	Today	Week Ago	Year Ago
CRUDE OIL			
West Texas Intermediate U.S.	61.10	63.44	70.71
\$/Barrel			
NATURAL GAS			
Henry Hub	7.50	7.64	6.55
\$/Million Btu			

Source: Reuters

Energy Notes

BP Reports on Alaska Spill, Blames Cost Cuts and Executives

Reuters, 10:08 May 9, 2007

14,300 OG&E and PSC Customers Lose Power in Oklahoma Due to Lightning May 7

<http://www.examiner-enterprise.com/articles/2007/05/09/news/news634.txt>

13,800 Lincoln Electric System Customers in Nebraska Lose Power May 9 Due to Blown Switch: 4 Substations Knocked Out

<http://www.journalstar.com/news/local/doc4641cd3025d04525439339.txt>

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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