



ENERGY ASSURANCE DAILY

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Electricity

Severe Thunderstorm Knocks Out Power to About 60,000 Customers in Baltimore-Washington D.C. Area May 27

A severe thunderstorm hit the Washington D.C. area on May 27, knocking out power to an estimated 60,000 customers in Northern Virginia, Maryland and the District of Columbia. Dominion Virginia Power reported 25,000 customers without power in Northern Virginia, Baltimore Gas & Electric reported 15,000 customers without power in Maryland, and Pepco reported about 14,000 customers without power in Maryland and the District of Columbia. Other area utilities also reported smaller outages. As of May 29, only scattered outages remain.

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2007/05/27/AR2007052701077.html>

<http://www.wdbj7.com/Global/story.asp?S=6575728&nav=S6aK>

<http://www.bge.com/portal/site/bge/menuitem.3465c31fe4bb492164d35302025166a0>

http://www.dom.com/news/outage_sos.jsp

<http://www.pepco.com/home/emergency/maps/zip/default.aspx>

Update: TVA Restarts 1,155 MW Browns Ferry Nuke Unit 1 in Alabama May 29 After Fluid Leak Shuts Unit May 24

The unit restarted on May 29 after workers repaired a leak of hydraulic fluid on the non-nuclear side of the plant. The leak shut the plant on May 24, just three days after the unit was restarted on May 22 after being idled for 22 years. When the leak was discovered, TVA shut down the nuclear reactor manually. The unit is still undergoing tests before it can reconnect to the grid.

Bloomberg News, 12:28 May 29, 2007

<http://www.decaturdaily.com/decaturdaily/news/070525/leak.shtml>

Entergy's 971 MW Indian Point Nuke Unit 2 in New York Disconnects from Grid May 28

The company disconnected the unit from the grid to repair a valve. A company spokesman said that unit could return to service and be sending power to the grid by May 31 or June 1.

Bloomberg News, 12:35 May 29, 2007

Entergy's 844 MW Fitzpatrick Nuke Unit in New York Back at Full Power May 29

The company returned the unit to full power by May 29 after reducing power last week to replace a reactor feedwater pump seal and conduct other maintenance. On May 25, the unit was operating at 55 percent of capacity.

Bloomberg News, 07:13 May 29, 2007

Update: Entergy's 1,231 MW Grand Gulf Nuke Unit in Mississippi Back at Full Power May 29

The unit ramped up to full power by early May 29 after exiting an outage on May 25. The unit was shut on May 19 due to the loss of condenser vacuum.

Reuters, 08:11 May 29, 2007

Bruce Power LP's 790 MW Bruce Nuke Unit 7 in Ontario Returns to Service May 26

The company returned the unit to service on May 26 after shutting it on May 21 to perform work on a valve.

Reuters, 09:54 May 29, 2007

TXU's 750 MW Monticello Coal-fired Unit 3 in Texas Shut May 29

The unit tripped offline due to a problem with the control system.

Reuters, 12:02 May 29, 2007

Petroleum

Update: Operations Back to Normal at ConocoPhillips's 247,000 b/d Alliance Refinery in Louisiana May 29

The company announced that operations had returned to normal after multiple lightning strikes affected the refinery last week. ConocoPhillips began restarting the refinery on May 24, the day after the crude distillation unit was shut by a flash fire.

Reuters, 10:51 May 29, 2007

Valero Restarts FCC Unit at 181,500 b/d Delaware City Refinery in Delaware May 24

According to a filing with Delaware regulators, the company restarted the 82,000 b/d fluidic catalytic cracking (FCC) unit on May 24. According to traders, rates to the FCC were cut on May 10.

Reuters, 08:34 May 29, 2007

OPIS Alert, 10:32 May 29, 2007

Update; Valero to Restart FCC Unit at 170,000 b/d McKee Refinery in Texas May 29

According to a filing with Texas regulators, the company plans to restart the fluidic catalytic cracking (FCC) unit at noon on May 29. The restart is expected to last through June 1. The company shut the unit on May 24 to fix catalytic conversion problems.

Reuters, 11:15 May 29, 2007

Update: BP Delays Restart of FCC Unit at 155,000 b/d Toledo Refinery in Ohio - Traders

Traders told Reuters on May 29 that BP has delayed the restart of the 52,000 b/d fluidic catalytic cracking (FCC) unit at its Toledo refinery for about one week due to a problem with a catalyst. The unit was shut by a problem on May 21.

Reuters, 10:25 May 29, 2007

Bloomberg, 12:49 May 29, 2007

Alon Shuts Light Diesel Hydrotreater at 67,000 b/d Big Spring Refinery in Texas May 29

According to a filing with Texas regulators, the Alon USA shut the light diesel hydrotreater due to hot valves in the Clark compressor.

Reuters, 09:50 May 29, 2007

Update: Nigerian Oil Labor Strike Ends May 26

Nigerian labor union officials ordered oil workers back to work on May 26 after the government agreed to a 15 percent pay increase for all employees of the Nigerian National Petroleum Co., which holds a majority stake in joint ventures with international oil companies that account for more than 90 percent of the country's oil exports. The unions began the strike on May 24 and threatened to target oil exports in hopes of reversing the sale of government refineries. The strike did not affect crude oil output or exports.

<http://www.chron.com/disp/story.mpl/headline/biz/4843723.html>

Natural Gas

Nothing to report.

Other News

Nothing to report.

Energy Prices

U.S. Oil and Gas Prices			
May 29, 2007			
	Today	Week Ago	Year Ago
CRUDE OIL West Texas Intermediate U.S. \$/Barrel	62.94	65.33	71.40
NATURAL GAS Henry Hub \$/Million Btu	7.51	7.66	5.78

Source: Reuters

Energy Notes

\$2 Drop in Crude Oil Price Attributed to Hope That Inauguration of New Nigerian President Will Stabilize Oil Supply From Niger Delta

<http://www.detnews.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20070529/UPDATE/705290403/1001/BIZ>

Nigerian Oil Production Outages Significantly Affecting Market for Light, Low-Sulfur Crude Varieties

Oil Daily, May 29, 2007

Anti-OPEC Bill Misguided, Possibly Damaging – PIW

http://www.energyintel.com/PublicationHomePage.asp?publication_id=4

Construction to Begin on 100 MW Prairie Star Wind Farm in Minnesota May 25

http://www.postbulletin.com/newsmanager/templates/localnews_story.asp?a=295401&z=2

Connecticut Siting Council Approves Plainfield Renewable Energy's to Build 37.5 MW Wood Biomass Power Plant

<http://www.macroworld.net/m/m.w?lp=GetStory&id=255401621>

U.S. DOE Draft EIS Says All Proposed FutureGen Plant Sites Suitable

<http://www.platts.com/Electric%20Power/News/6388657.xml?p=Electric%20Power/News&sub=Electric%20Power>

We Energies in Wisconsin Estimates that it has Lost \$300,000 This Year Due to Copper Thefts at Substations and Power Poles

<http://www.winonadailynews.com/articles/2007/05/28/wi/01wis.txt>

Foothills Energy Ventures LLC Developing 12 Bcf Storage Facility in Mississippi

NGI's Daily Gas Price Index

<http://intelligencepress.com/>

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

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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.

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

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