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Electricity

NRC Expecting Requests for Permits to Build 27 New Nuclear Reactors in the U.S.

According to a regulator at the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, energy companies plan to file permit requests in the next two years to construct 27 new nuclear reactors in the United States. Most of the new reactors would be added to existing nuclear power plants, although two or three of the new potential reactors would be located on new sites. The NRC has hired 200 new engineers to help process the expected flood of permit requests.

Reuters, 13:37 June 12, 2007

FERC Tells PJM to Be More Specific About Economic Analysis Methods for Proposed Electric Transmission Projects

FERC said in an order that unless PJM Interconnection was more specific about its method of determining the economic benefits of a transmission project, anyone opposing a project or its cost allocations could contest the grid operator's assumptions and analysis, which would result in "greater uncertainty that could adversely affect decisions by private investors."

<http://www.platts.com/Electric%20Power/News/6391972.xml?p=Electric%20Power/News&sub=Electric%20Power>

Two Electrical Transformers Fail at Deland Substation in Florida 20,000 Progress Energy Customers Lose Power June 11

<http://www.news-journalonline.com/NewsJournalOnline/News/Local/newWEST01061107.htm>

Two High-Voltage Power Lines Knocked Out of Service in Ohio 20,000 FirstEnergy Customers Lose Power June 11

http://www.wkyc.com/news/rss_article.aspx?ref=RSS&storyid=69459

Storm Knocks Out Power to About 17,000 AEP Customers in Laredo, Texas June 9

http://www.zwire.com/site/news.cfm?newsid=18460618&BRD=2290&PAG=461&dept_id=569392&rfi=6

Petroleum

EIA Calculates that Hurricanes will Cut U.S. Gulf Production by 13 Million bbls of Oil and 86 Bcf of Natural Gas in 2007

The Energy Information Administration has calculated that hurricanes will cut U.S. Gulf of Mexico crude oil production by 13 million barrels and natural gas production by 86 Bcf this year. The cuts amount to about 9 days of the region's production.

Reuters, 12:31 June 12, 2007

Crude Unit Shut at Citgo's 156,000 b/d Corpus Christi, Texas Refinery June 11

According to a filing with Texas regulators, the company shut down a crude distillation unit at the refinery, which led to flaring.

Reuters, 12:31 June 12, 2007

Nexen's Buzzard Oil Field in U.K. North Sea to Hit Initial Peak at 200,000 b/d in July

The field, which came online in January at 35,919 b/d, is currently producing 180,000 b/d. The field will ramp up to 200,000 b/d in July.

Oil Daily, June 12, 2007

Update: Eni Resumes Full Output from Brass River Oil Terminal in Nigeria June 12

Eni has resumed full output from its Brass River oil export terminal after a May 8 bomb attack on three of its pipelines cut the terminal's output by 98,000 b/d.
Reuters, 11:16 June 12, 2007

Nigerian Militants Free 13 Oil Worker Hostages, Including 3 Americans June 11

http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20070612/ap_on_re_af/nigeria_oil_unrest_2;_ylt=AlkDMeMJcLJeE2sN35opjlqAsnsA

Natural Gas

Dominion Project to Combine Salt Cavern, Depleted Reservoir Storage to Provide 50 Bcf Capacity to Northeast, Mid-Atlantic

Dominion Resources Inc. has announced its Storage Factory Project, which would expand its natural gas storage capacity by up to 50 Bcf in the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic market areas. The Storage Factory Project would integrate the high deliverability of storage in salt formations with the large capacity of depleted natural gas storage fields common in the Northeast market area. The first phase will add 11.2 Bcf of new natural gas storage. Initial construction is scheduled for 2009, when work will begin on two salt caverns in Tioga County, Pennsylvania, which will be added to the existing fleet of depleted reservoirs. The anticipated in-service date for the first two caverns is 2014.

<http://www.dom.com/news/gas2007/pr0612.jsp>

Other News

Nothing to report.

Energy Prices

U.S. Oil and Gas Prices			
June 12, 2007			
	Today	Week Ago	Year Ago
CRUDE OIL			
West Texas Intermediate U.S. \$/Barrel	65.00	65.73	70.40
NATURAL GAS			
Henry Hub \$/Million Btu	7.45	7.73	6.02

Source: Reuters

Energy Notes

Developer Scraps Plans to Build 500 MW Offshore Wind Farm in South Texas Over Costs

http://www.kten.com/Global/story.asp?S=6643030&nav=menu410_3

Devon Energy Announces Plans for New 200 MMcf/d Natural Gas Processing Plant in Southeastern Oklahoma

<http://www.koco.com/news/13481993/detail.html>

Maryland Commission Gives Approval to Ban on LNG Facilities in Certain Chesapeake Bay Coastal Areas

NGI's Daily Gas Price Index June 12, 2007

Shell's LNG Supplies to Rise 8 Percent in 2007 on Clean-Fuel Demand

Bloomberg News, 00:22 June 12, 2007

Saudi Aramco Considering Building New 400,000 b/d Refinery on Mideast Gulf to Meet Domestic Demand

Oil Daily, June 12, 2007

Norfolk Southern Railroad Says that Coal Inventories 'at or Above' Target Levels in its Operating Region in Mid-Atlantic and South

<http://www.platts.com/Coal/News/6391896.xml?p=Coal/News&sub=Coal>

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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

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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