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Electricity

UPDATE: DOD/FAA's Stop-Work Order Delays Sizable Wind Projects in Minnesota

Two of the wind-energy projects in Minnesota that have been affected by the U.S. Department of Defense's (DOD) and Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) stop-work order are sizable wind farms: one is FPL's 100-megawatt project; the other is enXco's 205-megawatt project. Construction is prohibited until the DOD completes a study, mandated by Congress, of the effects wind farms could have on radar at military and national security installations. Over twelve other wind projects in the Midwest have also been delayed.

<http://www.pantagraph.com/articles/2006/06/02/news/doc4481086e5a949245342140.txt>

<http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/nationworld/chi->

[0605310078may31.1.7557291.story?coll=chinews_nationworld_hed](http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/nationworld/chi-0605310078may31.1.7557291.story?coll=chinews_nationworld_hed)

<http://www.grandforks.com/mld/grandforks/news/14805032.htm>

Update: KCP&L's 850-MW Coal-fired Iatan 2 Plant in Missouri to Begin Service 2010

Kansas City Power & Light Company's high efficiency coal-fired Iatan 2 power plant, to be built near Iatan 1 in Platte County, Missouri, is projected to go into service in 2010.

http://home.businesswire.com/portal/site/google/index.jsp?ndmViewId=news_view&newsId=20060613005590&newsLang=en

http://www.mercurynews.com/mld/mercurynews/news/breaking_news/13760156.htm.

State Officials Approve East Kentucky Power Cooperative's Coal-fired Plant in Kentucky

On June 13, Kentucky officials approved East Kentucky Power Cooperative's proposal to build a coal-fired power plant in northern Kentucky. Estimated completion date for the plant, which will use a technology that produces less pollution, is 2009.

<http://www.wkyt.com/Global/story.asp?S=5026056&nav=4CAL>

20 Met-Ed Downtown Customers in Reading, Pennsylvania, Lost Power During Met-Ed's System Testing on June 12

While Met-Ed tested its new system June 12 for its efficiency in preventing blackouts in Reading, it knocked out power for about an hour to its largest downtown customers, including City Hall, the courthouse and county services center, the Sovereign Center and the GoggleWorks Center for the Arts, as well as other businesses, apartment complexes, and government offices. The 20 main customers were the only ones to completely lose power, although smaller downtown businesses and residences experienced power surges and slight loss of power (dimming of lights).

http://pro.energycentral.com/professional/news/power/news_article.cfm?id=6791714

FPL Group's 839 MW St. Lucie Nuke Unit 2 Power Stalled in Florida June 14

The 839 MW nuke unit 2 is stalled at 45 percent power because of a problem with a seal on a condensate pump.

The unit stalled as it was exiting a refueling outage to return to full power.

Reuters, 10:05 June 14, 2006.

Progress Energy's 838 MW Crystal River Nuke Unit 3 in Florida at Full Power June 14

The 838 MW nuclear unit in Florida, which had been shut since it was in the projected path of Tropical Storm

Alberto, returned to full power early today.

Reuters, 07:51 June 14, 2006.

Entergy's 968 MW River Bend Nuke Plant at 80 Percent Power June 14

The 968 MW unit in Louisiana is down to 80 percent on June 14, down from full power on June 13, due to unknown reasons.

Reuters, 07:24 June 14, 2006.

Duke's 846 MW Oconee Nuke Unit 1 in South Carolina Shut June 14

The 846 MW unit in Seneca, South Carolina, which was operating at full power on Tuesday, shut on June 14 due to unknown reasons.

Reuters, 07:19 June 14, 2006.

Update: Constellation's 620 MW Nine Mile Nuke Unit 1 at 45 Percent Power on June 14

The 620 MW Unit in Scriba, New York shut over the weekend to fix a leak in a train valve in the reactor coolant system. It returned to service on June 13 at 24 percent capacity and increased power to 45 percent on June 14.

Reuters, 07:12 June 14, 2006.

Petroleum

Iraq Pumps Oil to Turkey in Test of Pipeline Conditions

In preparation to restarting the pipeline idled for several months by sabotage, Iraq's North Oil Company attempted to pump stored crude oil through the system to Turkey from June 10 – 13. The company is waiting a report on the results of the test before resuming exports. Iraq currently produces around 250,000 barrels a day in the north.

http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20060614/ap_on_re_mi_ea/iraq_oil_1;_ylt=AnqSKEPxIQdVw8GDZXkbOyiAsnsA;_ylu=X3oDMTBiMW04NW9mBHNIYwMIJVRPUCU

Colonial Pipeline to Ship 61-Grade Ultra-Low Sulfur Diesel July 14

On June 29, Colonial Pipeline will inform its customers of the exact product specifications for shipping ultra-low sulfur diesel (ULSD). Colonial will begin shipping ULSD July 14.

http://today.reuters.com/stocks/QuoteCompanyNewsArticle.aspx?view=CN&storyID=2006-06-13T171051Z_01_N13427608_RTRIDST_0_ENERGY-COLONIAL-ULSD.XML&rpc=66

Fire at Valero's 215,000 b/d Refinery in Quebec Extinguished – No Impact on Production

A fire that broke out at Valero's refinery as the refinery was returning to service following maintenance. The fire has been extinguished and it will not affect the production at the refinery.

Reuters, 13:55 June 14, 2006.

Alon Investigates Ways to Repair 70,000 b/d SCOT Refinery in Big Springs, Texas

Alon USA Energy, Inc. is investigating possible ways to fix a leaking SCOT unit at its Big Spring refinery. The leaking sulfur dioxide has been rerouted to stop the leak. The company will determine what repairs are necessary to fix the problem later this week.

Reuters, 11:46 June 14, 2006.

Update: Explorer Pipeline Returns to Service after Monday's Oil Tank Fire

Explorer Pipeline Co. restarted its refined oil products pipeline Tuesday afternoon at 17:00 EST. The entire system is up and all lines are running at scheduled rates, according to a company spokesperson. The company says it is too early to estimate the total cost of damage caused by Monday's fire.

Reuters, 10:11 June 14, 2006.

Exxon's 563,000 b/d Refinery in Texas Failed to Restart June 14

The "discharge piping of the wet gas compressor" failed when Exxon Mobil's 563,000 b/d refinery in Baytown, Texas was restarting after a repair, according to a notice filed at Texas Commission of Environmental Quality.

Reuters, 19:31 June 13, 2006.

Chevron Restarts a 260,000 b/d Continuous Catalytic Reformer in California

Chevron restarted its 260,000 b/d refinery in El Segundo, California on June 13.

Reuters, 15:39 June 13, 2006.

Sulfur Dioxide Release at ConocoPhillips' 139,000 b/d Los Angeles Refinery June 13

A malfunction at a sulfur recovery unit on June 13 resulted in the release of sulfur dioxide vapor at ConocoPhillips 139,000 b/d refinery in Los Angeles, California.
Reuters, 15:20 June 13, 2006.

Natural Gas

El Paso's ANR Pipeline Limits Natural Gas Injections

ANR Pipeline Co. announced that because storage levels of natural rose sharply, it would limit injections for certain interruptible customers until further notice.
Reuters, 17:13 June 13, 2006.

Other News

Flour to Build Clean Coal Power Plant in Texas

Under an agreement with TXU Corp., Flour Corp. will build a new clean coal power plant called the Oak Grove Project in Robertson County, Texas. The 1,634 MW power plant will be 80 percent cleaner than the average U.S. coal plant, according to Flour, and it is scheduled to be completed sometime in 2009.
Reuters, 18:51 June 13, 2006.

Energy Prices

U.S. Oil and Gas Prices			
June 14, 2006			
	Today	Week Ago	Year Ago
CRUDE OIL West Texas Intermediate U.S. \$/Barrel	69.10	70.83	54.95
NATURAL GAS Henry Hub \$/Million Btu	6.08	5.82	7.08

Source: Reuters

Energy Notes

Chevron to Join BP, ConocoPhillips, and Exxon Mobil in Alaska Gas Pipeline Project

<http://powermarketers.net/contentinc.net/newsreader.asp?ppa=8kowu%5D%5BhlojflrWThe%7DGL%7Dbfel%5Dv>

Faulty Equipment Caused Power Failure to 20,000 Huntsville Utilities Customers in Alabama June 11

<http://www.al.com/news/huntsvilletimes/index.ssf?/base/news/115019025165810.xml&coll=1>

St. Lawrence Seaway, Canada Closed for Two Hours Due to a Vessel Crash – No Damage or Spill

Reuters, 10:15 June 14, 2006.

New June Hourly Electric Use Record Set in Texas on Two Consecutive Days

Reuters, 19:00 June 14, 2006.

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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

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