



ENERGY ASSURANCE DAILY

Monday Evening, June 22, 2015

Electricity

Thunderstorms Knock Out Power to Over 110,000 Dominion Customers in Virginia June 20

Strong thunderstorms hit Virginia on Saturday evening knocking out power to 110,488 Dominion customers. The storms brought down trees and damaged power lines and poles. Dominion said all customers should have power restored by midnight Monday. As of 3:30 p.m. EDT, 1,866 customers remained without power.

<https://www.dom.com/residential/dominion-virginia-power/outage-center/service-restoration-update>
<https://www.dom.com/residential/dominion-virginia-power/outage-center/outages-by-region-and-maps>
http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/rain-drenches-washington-area-12000-lose-power-in-virginia-county/2015/06/20/baee6254-17ab-11e5-9ddc-e3353542100c_story.html

Exelon Reports Radioactive Leak at Its 1,116 MW Peach Bottom Nuclear Plant in Pennsylvania June 19

Exelon officials reported that the company detected elevated radioactive tritium levels in a monitoring well at its Peach Bottom Nuclear Plant in Delta, Pennsylvania in April, indicating a leak. Federal and state officials were notified and were monitoring the situation. The levels reportedly returned to normal.

http://www.yorkdispatch.com/breaking/ci_28344314/radioactive-leakreported-at-peach-bottom-atomic-power

AES's 175 MW Alamos Gas-fired Unit 2 in California Shut by June 21

The unit entered an unplanned outage.

<http://content.caiso.com/unitstatus/data/unitstatus201506211515.html>

EDF Renewable Energy's 110 MW Catalina Solar Unit in California Returns to Service by June 20

The unit returned from an unplanned outage that began by June 19.

<http://content.caiso.com/unitstatus/data/unitstatus201506201515.html>

RRI Energy's 215 MW Mandalay Gas-fired Unit 1 in California Shut by June 19

The unit entered an unplanned outage.

<http://content.caiso.com/unitstatus/data/unitstatus201506191515.html>

Petroleum

Valero Reports Flaring Due to Compressor Upset at Its 330,000 b/d Port Arthur, Texas Refinery June 22

Reuters, 10:14 June 22, 2015

Marathon Reports Cooling Tower Shut at Its 84,000 b/d Texas City, Texas Refinery June 19

Marathon Petroleum Corp reported benzene was released to the flare due to the unit's cooling tower shutting down.
Reuters, 9:35 June 22, 2015

Phillips 66 Reports Process Upset at Its 146,000 b/d Borger, Texas Refinery June 19

Phillips 66 reported a release of hydrogen sulfide from a stack due to a process upset on June 19.

Reuters 9:27 June 22, 2015

Shell Restarting Unit at Its Scotford, Alberta Facility – Community Line

Royal Dutch Shell Plc reported restarting a unit at its Scotford, Alberta facility on June 19 and said flaring was possible for the next 48 hours, according to a community information phone line. Shell runs a 255,000 b/d oil sands upgrader facility and a 100,000 b/d refinery at Scotford.

Reuters, 12:48 June 19, 2015

Tesoro Reports Hydrogen Sulfide Release Due to Power Outage at Its 120,000 b/d Anacortes, Washington Refinery June 19

Reuters, 9:18 June 22, 2015

Shell Says Units Offline after Power Outage at Its 145,000 b/d Puget Sound, Washington Refinery

Royal Dutch Shell said its Puget Sound refinery in Anacortes, Washington, experienced a power outage on Friday, causing some units to go offline. Efforts were being made to restore those units as soon as safely possible, a company spokesman said. Energy intelligence provider Genscape earlier reported that a naphtha/jet fuel hydrotreater had been shut down at the refinery Friday.

Reuters, 18:45 June 19, 2015

Reuters, 17:53 June 19, 2015

Chevron Reports Flaring at Its 245,271 b/d Richmond, California Refinery June 19

Reuters, 9:23 June 22, 2015

ExxonMobil Says No Impact to Operations at Its 149,500 b/d Torrance, California Refinery June 22 after Unit Breakdown, Flaring June 20

Reuters, 10:26 June 22, 2015

Reuters, 10:07 June 20, 2015

U.S. Oil Rigs Decline Overall, Increase in Permian, Bakken – Baker Hughes

U.S. oil drillers last week added one rig each in the Permian and Bakken shale basins, data showed on Friday, although overall, drillers reduced the number of rigs by four, Baker Hughes Inc said in a report. It was the 28th straight weekly decline and brought the total rig count down to 631, the lowest since August 2010. The number of oil rigs in the Permian, the nation's biggest shale oil field located in West Texas and eastern New Mexico, climbed to 232 this week, up one from the lowest level in at least four years last week, according to Baker Hughes data going back to 2011. U.S. crude production has held around 9.6 million b/d for the last four weeks, its highest level since the early 1970s, according to government data.

Reuters, 13:48 June 19, 2015

North Dakota PSC to Hold Hearing on Plains All American's Proposed 15,000 b/d Bison Pipeline

The North Dakota Public Service Commission (PSC) will hold a public hearing in Stanley on Wednesday regarding a proposal for a crude oil pipeline in Mountrail County. Plains Pipeline, L.P. submitted an application to operate the Bison Pipeline Project, an approximately 10-mile long, 8-inch diameter crude oil pipeline. The pipeline is expected to transport about 15,000 b/d of crude oil, with a maximum capacity of 25,000 b/d. The pipeline would originate at the Robinson Lake Facility and extend southward to connect with the Plains' Van Hook Rail Facility for distribution to refineries in the eastern U.S. and southward to Houston, Texas.

<http://www.psc.nd.gov/public/newsroom/2015/6-24-15BisonPipelineProject.pdf>

Natural Gas

DCP Midstream Reports Boiler Shut at Its 160 MMcf/d Goldsmith Gas Plant in Texas June 20

DCP Midstream reported a fuse in the motor control center (MCC) to one of the boilers failed bringing the entire plant down and causing a release of sulfur dioxide above the reportable quantity. The fuse to the boiler was replaced and the plant was returned to normal operations.

<http://www11.tceq.state.tx.us/occeer/index.cfm?fuseaction=main.getDetails&target=216105>

Regency Reports High Rod Load at Its 290 MMcf/d Waha Gas Plant in Texas June 20

Regency reported a high rod load at its Waha gas plant. The discharge valves were changed out and the compressor was restarted.

<http://www11.tceq.state.tx.us/occeer/index.cfm?fuseaction=main.getDetails&target=216107>

Other News

Nothing to report.

International News

Jordan, Iraq to Change 150,000 b/d Oil Pipeline Route Due to Islamic State Fears

Iraq's ambassador to Jordan said on Friday that his country agreed with Jordan about changing the route of an oil pipeline due to security fears over ISIS. The pipeline, when completed, will supply Jordan with around 150,000 b/d of oil from Iraq, which will use the same pipeline for exports to other countries. A gas pipeline will be laid alongside it.

Reuters, 13:55 June 20, 2015

Energy Prices

U.S. Oil and Gas Prices			
June 22, 2015			
	Today	Week Ago	Year Ago
CRUDE OIL West Texas Intermediate U.S. \$/Barrel	59.33	59.29	106.43
NATURAL GAS Henry Hub \$/Million Btu	2.81	2.76	4.64

Source: Reuters

Links

This Week in Petroleum from the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA)

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

Updated every Wednesday.

Weekly Petroleum Status Report from EIA

http://www.eia.gov/oil_gas/petroleum/data_publications/weekly_petroleum_status_report/wpsr.html

Updated after 10:30 AM & 1:00 PM ET every Wednesday.

Natural Gas Weekly Update from EIA

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

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