



ENERGY ASSURANCE DAILY

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Electricity

Update: Astoria Energy II Secures Investment to Build 550 MW Astoria II Gas-fired Plant in New York

JEMB Realty's affiliate, Astoria Energy II, announced recently it has secured the financing to construct, own and operate the planned 550 MW gas-fired Astoria II power plant in Astoria, Queens in New York City. Astoria II is the second phase of the Astoria Energy Facility, doubling the size of the facility when it goes on-line in 2011.

<http://ca.news.finance.yahoo.com/s/09072009/34/biz-f-business-wire-jemb-realty-closes-investment-1-5-billion-natural.html>

Energy Northwest's 1,107 MW Columbia Generating Station Nuke Unit in Washington Reduced to 89 Percent by July 9

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission reported that on the morning of July 8 the unit was operating at full power. Information derived from the NRC Power Reactor Status Reports:

<http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/event-status/reactor-status/2009/>

Update: Exelon's 619 MW Oyster Creek Nuke Unit in New Jersey Ramped Up to 90 Percent by July 9

The unit was reduced earlier this week to facilitate repair work on a circulation water tube. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission reported that on the morning of July 8 the unit was operating at 60 percent.

Bloomberg News, 06:55 July 9, 2009

<http://www.reuters.com/article/rbssIndustryMaterialsUtilitiesNews/idUSN0943676620090709>

Information also derived from the NRC Power Reactor Status Reports:

<http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/event-status/reactor-status/2009/>

Update: Duke's 754 MW Moss Landing Gas-fired Unit 6 in California Returns to Service by July 8

According to the California Independent System Operator, the unit reported a return from an unplanned outage.

<http://www.caiso.com/unitstatus/data/unitstatus200907081515.html>

Update: Wisconsin Power & Light Seeking Permission to Construct Phase I of 200 MW Wind Farm in Freeborn County, Wisconsin

Wisconsin Power & Light Company, a subsidiary of Alliant Energy, is seeking permission from Wisconsin regulators to start construction on the first phase of a planned 200 MW wind farm. Phase I of the project is comprised of 112 turbines and is slated to begin operations in 2011.

<http://www.wisinfo.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=200990708047>

Update: Chestnut Hill BioEnergy Terminates Plan to Convert Factory in Massachusetts into 12 MW Power Plant

The company announced July 7 it has terminated its contract to buy a former factory in Waterbury and convert it into a 12 MW food waste-to-energy power plant.

<http://www.wtop.com/?nid=111&sid=1713050>

Barge Hauling 1 MMGal of Gasoline Runs Aground on Columbia River, Coast Guard Officials Report July 9

A barge operated by Tidewater Barge Lines ran aground on the Columbia River in Oregon earlier today, carrying with it 1 million gallons (approximately 24,000 bbls) of gasoline. The U.S. Coast Guard sent an investigation and inspection team to the scene to determine if the gasoline was leaking.

http://www.oregonlive.com/news/index.ssf/2009/07/barge_hauling_1_million_gallon.html

Bloomberg News, 14:09 July 9, 2009

Update: Canadian Natural's Horizon Oil Sands Facility in Alberta Producing Above Capacity July 8

Canadian Natural Resources reported recently the company has been ramping up production of synthetic crude oil at its new Horizon oil sands project, with output reaching up to 120,000 b/d, 10,000 b/d above the original design capacity. An official with the company said the project is still in early stages and Horizon's output will average between 50,000 b/d to 65,000 b/d this year.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/rbssEnergyNews/idUSN0840333620090708>

Update: Eni Declares Force Majeure Following July 8 Attack on its Pipeline in Nigeria

According to a report from Reuters, Eni's Agip has declared force majeure following the July 8 sabotage to its oil pipeline north of Brass in Nigeria with a production loss of about 24,000 b/d. However, Platts cites the Joint Task Force of the Nigerian Military claiming to have foiled the attacks on the oil pipelines operated by Eni and Shell.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/marketsNews/idUSL816728520090708>

<http://www.platts.com/Oil/News/8693880.xml?sub=Oil&p=Oil/News&?undefined&undefined>

Update: BP's 160,000 b/d Toledo, Ohio Refinery Restarts Crude Unit July 8 Following Plant-wide Shutdown in June due to Fire

According to a source familiar with refinery operations, the crude vacuum unit at the Toledo refinery has restarted after being shut due to a fire in June.

Reuters, 15:24 July 8, 2009

Shell Conducting 'Strategic Review' of its 130,000 b/d Montreal East, Canada Refinery – May Close, Sell or Convert Refinery

Representatives with the company said a decision will be made in the next couple of months concerning the future of the Montreal East refinery; the company may choose to close the plant, sell it or convert it into an oil terminal.

Reuters, 09:42 July 9, 2009

Valero Begins Shutdown of its 235,000 b/d Aruba Refinery for Economic Reasons July 9

The company announced it has begun the process of shutting down units at its Aruba refinery because of economic reasons. It also said in two or three months it will re-evaluate the economic situation and determine when to bring the plant back on line.

Dow Jones Newswire, 11:48 July 9, 2009

Natural Gas

Rockies Express Pipeline Now Displaces 10 Percent of Canada's Gas Exports to U.S. Midwest, Energy Analysts Report

According to findings from Bentek Energy, the recent start-up of the Rockies Express natural gas pipeline has displaced about 600 MMcf/d, or about 10 percent of Canadian gas exports to the U.S. Midwest markets. The Rockies Express Pipeline (REX) began operations on June 29 and carries 1.5 Bcf/d of gas from the Rocky Mountains through the Midwest to Ohio.

<http://www.resourceinvestor.com/News/2009/7/Pages/New-US-natural-gas-pipeline-displacing-Canadian-gas.aspx>

Sulfur Plant Shutdown Reported at Goldsmith Gas Plant in Texas July 8

In a filing to state regulators, the plant reported a combustion air blower had a lube oil malfunction which caused the air blower to shut down, and caused the sulfur plant to shut down as well. The sulfur plant was returned to service following a maintenance check.

<http://www11.tceq.state.tx.us/oc/eer/index.cfm?fuseaction=main.getDetails&target=126587>

Other News

Nothing to report.

Energy Prices

U.S. Oil and Gas Prices			
July 9, 2009			
	Today	Week Ago	Year Ago
CRUDE OIL West Texas Intermediate U.S. \$/Barrel	60.04	66.87	135.77
NATURAL GAS Henry Hub \$/Million Btu	3.22	3.63	12.10

Source: Reuters

Energy Notes

'Bad' Transformer or Relay to Have Caused 20,500 Los Angeles Department of Water and Power Customers to Lose Power Evening of July 8 – All have Since Been Restored

<http://twitter.com/LADWP>

<http://www.ktla.com/news/landing/ktla-westside-outage.0.6207758.story>

Tornado-like Storm Knocks out Power to Over 16,000 Customers in Dickinson, North Dakota July 9

http://www.kfyrvtv.com/News_Stories.asp?news=31873

Update: Arkansas Public Service Commission Appeals Court Ruling Rejecting Permit to Construct Proposed Coal-fired Power Plant in Southwestern Arkansas

<http://ap.thecabin.net/pstories/state/ar/20090708/461186877.shtml>

No Impact to Production at its 562,500 b/d Baytown, Texas Refinery July 8 Following FCC Unit Snag, ExxonMobil Reports

<http://www11.tceq.state.tx.us/oc/eer/index.cfm?fuseaction=main.getDetails&target=126586>

Reuters, 08:21 July 9, 2009

Murphy Oil Commences Operations at its Thunder Hawk Field in Gulf of Mexico – Production Capacity of 45,000 b/d of Oil and 70 MMcf/d of Natural Gas Underway

http://www.rigzone.com/news/article.asp?a_id=78053

Overtured Propane Tanker Truck Closes Bridge Connecting Pennsylvania with New Jersey July 7

http://www.philly.com/philly/wires/ap/news/state/pennsylvania/20090707_ap_overturedtankertruckclosespanjbridge.html

Update: Public Comment Period Now Open on El Paso's 675-Mile Ruby Pipeline Project to Carry 1.5 Dth/d of Natural Gas from Wyoming to Oregon

Natural Gas Intelligence, July 9, 2009 <http://intelligencepress.com/>

Update: Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) Approves Construction of Enbridge's 170-Mile Crude Pipeline from Canada to Missouri – ICC Withholds Granting Eminent Domain Authority Saying It Would be Premature

<http://www.stltoday.com/stltoday/business/stories.nsf/0/7D1020F7BE8AA8C8862575EE00078978?OpenDocument>

Crews Work to Seal Natural Gas Pipeline Leak in St. Charles County, Missouri June 8 – Local Buildings are Under Voluntary Evacuation

<http://www.stltoday.com/stltoday/news/stories.nsf/stcharles/story/FEBDAA87171D0CE8862575ED00535EAC?OpenDocument>

Advocacy Group Says BP Records Show its Atlantis Platform Operating in Gulf of Mexico Lacks Documents Needed for Safe Operation and Maintenance

<http://www.foodandwaterwatch.org/press/releases/bp-records-show-one-of-worlds-largest-oil-and-gas-platforms-lacks-documents-needed-for-safe-operation-and-maintenance20090708>

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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