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Electricity

Update: Over 3,800 DTE Customers Remain without Power August 13 after Storms Hit Michigan August 11

Restoration efforts continued after storms with heavy rain knocked out power to over 22,000 DTE Energy customers Monday night. The storm caused major flooding and DTE reported water getting into the equipment causing power outages. As of 3:00 p.m. EDT today, 3,841 DTE customers remained without power.

https://twitter.com/DTE_Energy/

<http://www.dteenergy.com/map/outage.html>

<http://www.freep.com/article/20140812/NEWS05/308120103/historic-rains-metro-detroit-flooding>

IP&L Transformer Explosion Reported in Indianapolis, Indiana August 13

The Indianapolis Fire Department said an underground transformer explosion caused heavy smoke and the evacuation of an office building on Wednesday afternoon. The fire department said crews from Indianapolis Power and Light (IP&L) were on the scene and no injuries were reported. The cause of the explosion was under investigation.

<http://fox59.com/2014/08/13/building-being-evacuated-in-downtown-indianapolis-after-reported-explosion/>

https://twitter.com/IFD_NEWS

Calpine's 525 MW Sutter Gas-fired Unit in California Reduced by August 12

The unit entered an unplanned curtailment of 264 MW.

<http://content.aiso.com/unitstatus/data/unitstatus201408121515.html>

Petroleum

Nebraska Court Ruling on TransCanada's 830,000 b/d Keystone XL Pipeline Not Expected Until 2015

The Nebraska Supreme Court will hear arguments on September 5 over the planned route for the Keystone XL pipeline but a court ruling on the project is not expected until 2015, lawyers and activists say. TransCanada Corp's 1,200-mile pipeline would connect Western Canada's tar sands region with Texas oil refineries.

http://www.downstreamtoday.com/news/article.aspx?a_id=44120

Coast Guard Restricts Traffic near Lower Mississippi River Terminal after Multi-vessel Collision

The U.S. Coast Guard was investigating a multiple vessel collision on the Mississippi River near Gretna, Louisiana, early Wednesday. Watchstanders with Coast Guard Sector New Orleans command center received a report, late Tuesday evening, that the Maltese-flagged vessel Flag Gangos lost power and steering near mile marker 97.4 on the Lower Mississippi River. The Flag Gangos collided with the Liberian-flagged vessel Pamisos and the barge Web 235, both moored at the International Matex Tank Terminals conducting transfer operations. The crew of the towing vessel was transferring number six fuel oil from the barge when the barge broke free causing some oil to be discharged into the river from the transfer hose. The hose was shut off immediately and responders on the scene deployed booms in the area of the incident. Both the vessel Pamisos and the barge sustained damage but no injuries were reported. The Coast Guard Captain of the Port, New Orleans, implemented one-way traffic in the vicinity of the International Matex Tank Terminals near Gretna. The Coast Guard was investigating the cause of the incident.

<http://www.uscgnews.com/go/doc/4007/2224174/>

Natural Gas

Atlas Pipeline Reports Shutdown Due to Vibration Pad Replacement at Its 195 MMcf/d Midkiff Gas Plant in Texas August 12

Atlas reported a vibration sensor failed on the consolidator plant cryogenic expander pad requiring the shutdown of the plant to change out the vibration sensors. Maintenance mechanics replaced the vibration pads and put the unit back online.

<http://www11.tceq.state.tx.us/oce/eer/index.cfm?fuseaction=main.getDetails&target=202204>

Southern Union Reports Inlet Gas Flaring at Its Keystone Gas Plant in Texas August 11

Southern Union reported flaring of the low pressure inlet gas coming into the plant due to a field unit that had busted compressor bolts and hot valves. The bolts and hot valves were replaced and both field units were put back on line.

<http://www11.tceq.state.tx.us/oce/eer/index.cfm?fuseaction=main.getDetails&target=202144>

Enbridge Shuts 80 MMcf/d Natural Gas Pipeline in Texas after Blast

Midcoast Energy Partners LP, an Enbridge company, said on Wednesday there was “minimal customer impact” from the shutdown of a 12-inch, 75-80 MMcf/d natural gas pipeline struck by a clearing crew near Henderson, Texas, on Tuesday. The incident killed one member of the contract right-of-way crew, an Enbridge spokesperson said. The spokesperson said the company was working closely with local emergency responders and the Texas Railroad Commission to determine what occurred and caused this tragic incident.

Reuters, 11:34 August 13, 2014

Other News

Nothing to report.

International News

First Crude Oil Shipment Leaves Libya’s Ras Lanuf Port Since End of Blockade – NOC

An oil tanker carrying 670,000 barrels of crude has left Libya’s Ras Lanuf oil terminal, the first shipment since the port was reopened following a year of blockades by armed protesters, a spokesman for state-run National Oil Corporation (NOC) said. The tanker carrying Sirtica crude left the Libyan port on Tuesday evening, the spokesman said. The NOC says current national production is around 450,000 b/d.

Reuters, 4:19 August 13, 2014

Energy Prices

U.S. Oil and Gas Prices August 13, 2014			
	Today	Week Ago	Year Ago
CRUDE OIL West Texas Intermediate U.S. \$/Barrel	96.96	97.06	105.94
NATURAL GAS Henry Hub \$/Million Btu	3.91	3.85	3.34

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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