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Electricity

More Than 30,000 Customers throughout Maryland, Virginia, and District of Columbia Lose Power Sept. 28

Over 30,000 customers lost power September 28 when thunderstorms moved with intensity across Northern Virginia and through the District of Columbia and Maryland. The storm system was met by southeasterly winds from the Chesapeake Bay, which fueled a tornado in Severna Park, MD. As of early September 29, Baltimore Gas and Electric reported 9,300 customers in Anne Arundel and 4,700 customers in Prince George's without power. PEPCO reported 1,300 customers in Montgomery County, 1,100 in Prince George's County, and more than 1,900 in the District of Columbia were without electricity. In Virginia, Dominion Power reported 1,400 without power early this morning.

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2006/09/28/AR2006092802118.html>

42,000 Dominion Power Customers in Richmond, Virginia, Lose Power Sept. 28

Thunderstorms swept through the Richmond area late September 28, knocking down trees and power lines, causing power outages to almost 42,000 customers at the height of the storm. As of noon on Friday 3,675 customers remained without power.

http://www.timesdispatch.com/servlet/Satellite?pagename=RTD/MGArticle/RTD_BasicArticle&c=MGArticle&cid=1149190886012&path=/news&s=1045855934842

http://www.dom.com/news/outage_sos.jsp

Reliant's 320 MW Etiwanda Gas-fired Unit 3 in California Shut Sept. 28

Reuters, 10:54 September 29, 2006

PGE's 407 MW Helms Pump Hydro Unit 1 in California Shut Sept. 28

Reuters, 10:54 September 29, 2006

PGE's 407 MW Helms Pump Hydro Unit 2 in California Shut Sept. 28

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SCE's 525 MW Mountainview Gas-fired Unit 3 in California Shut Sept. 28

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NPPD Proposing 80-Mile High-Voltage Line in Nebraska

The Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD) is proposing an 80-mile high-voltage power line to move more electricity in east-central Nebraska. More electricity is needed to meet record demand, which was experienced during the past two summers, an expanding ethanol industry, increasing irrigation, and a new crude oil pipeline.

http://pro.energycentral.com/professional/news/power/news_article.cfm?id=7208961

Petroleum

OPEC Agrees to Voluntary Production Cuts Venezuela and Nigeria to Cut Production by Combined 170,000 b/d Bodman Says Production Cuts Inconsequential

Yesterday OPEC members agreed to cut crude oil production on a voluntary basis in order to stem the recent fall in crude oil prices. The cut is being done on a voluntary basis to test market response. Today OPEC announced that Venezuela and Nigeria would cut output by a combined 170,000 b/d (50,000 b/d from Venezuela and 120,000 b/d from Nigeria) by Oct. 1. U.S. Energy Secretary Samuel Bodman said the cuts were small and would not be consequential to world crude oil supply. Some analysts point out that the production cuts don't make sense because Venezuela and Nigeria are already producing beneath their quotas. In July the U.S. imported about 4.8 million b/d of crude oil from OPEC. Together Venezuela and Nigeria supplied about 2.2 million b/d.

Bloomberg News, 14:15 September 29, 2006

<http://www.platts.com/Oil/News/6300214.xml?p=Oil/News&sub=Oil>
http://tonto.eia.doe.gov/dnav/pet/pet_move_impcus_a2_nus_epc0_im0_mbbldpd_m.htm

Gas Leak Shuts Output from BP's 30,000 b/d Lisburne Oilfield in Alaska

All production from the Lisburne field, which is near the Prudhoe Bay field, was shut down when a natural gas leak was found at one of its wells. BP's Lisburne field uses a separate set of pipelines than Prudhoe Bay's Eastern Operating Area, which was shut last month due to pipeline corrosion.

Bloomberg News, September 29, 2006

Chevron to Expand Cat Cracker at 330,000 b/d Pascagoula, Mississippi Refinery

The company is expanding a fluidic catalytic cracker at the refinery to boost gasoline production by about 12,000 b/d. The company expects to complete the expansion by the end of the year.

Bloomberg News, 13:11 September 29, 2006

Natural Gas

Nothing to report.

Other News

Nothing to report.

Energy Prices

| U.S. Oil and Gas Prices | | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| September 29, 2006 | | | |
| | Today | Week Ago | Year Ago |
| CRUDE OIL | | | |
| West Texas Intermediate U.S. | 61.95 | 59.87 | 66.83 |
| \$/Barrel | | | |
| NATURAL GAS | | | |
| Henry Hub | 4.15 | 4.47 | 14.84 |
| \$/Million Btu | | | |

Source: Reuters

Energy Notes

Copper Wire Stolen and Utility Poles Damaged in Nevada

http://news.rgj.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20060927/NEWS_15/609270325/1144

Power Outage, Gap in Rail, and Death Cause Delays for Train Service in Chicago, Illinois

http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/local/chi-0609290273sep29_1,7880160.story?track=rss

Update: Final Results of Environmental Study of Tritium at 11 Exelon Nuclear Stations Confirm No Active Tritium Leaks

http://pro.energycentral.com/professional/news/power/news_article.cfm?id=7212955

Recent Coal Mine Closures Cut 14 Million Tons of Production from Eastern Coal Mines, According to Executive; Sign That Coal Boom Is Ebbing

http://pro.energycentral.com/professional/news/power/news_article.cfm?id=7211692

Sempra Announces Possibility of Delaying for One Year Construction of LNG Terminal in Texas

http://pro.energycentral.com/professional/news/gas/news_article.cfm?id=7212878

Statoil Cuts Oil, Gas Output Targets by 3 Percent Due Do Delays in Developing New Deposits

Bloomberg News, 10:39 September 29, 2006

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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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