



ENERGY ASSURANCE DAILY

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Electricity

Update: 35,000 Customers Remain Without Power in Washington State and Vancouver November 28

On November 26, a violent snowstorm moved through the Pacific Northwest, knocking out power to about 130,000 customers in Washington State and Vancouver. Most of the outages occurred in Snohomish County Public Utility District (PUD)'s service area in Washington State and BC Hydro's service area in Vancouver. As of early November 28, Snohomish County PUD reported 16,000 customers still without power and BC Hydro reported 19,000 customers still without power. A BC Hydro official warned that power outages could continue late into Wednesday as there is significant damage to BC Hydro's system due to heavy wet snow, including downed power lines in almost every community. A Snohomish County PUD official said that 52 crews, some from utilities in eastern Washington, are working to restore power but said there was no estimate for when full restoration will be achieved. Treacherous roads covered in snow and ice are complicating the restoration process.

<http://www.bchydro.com/news/2006/nov/release50561.html>

<http://www.kirotv.com/news/10413023/detail.html?rss=sea&psp=news>

TXU's 575 MW Big Brown Coal-fired Unit 2 in Texas Shut November 27

The company shut the unit for short-term work to fix a boiler tube leak.

Reuters, 11:18 November 28, 2006

AES's 226 MW Huntington Gas-fired Unit 2 in California Shut November 27

Reuters, 07:58 November 28, 2006

Petroleum

Flint Hill Shuts Desulfurization Unit at Corpus Christi, Texas Refinery November 27

According to a filing with Texas regulators, the company shut the hydrogen desulfurization unit at the west plant of its 288,000 b/d refining complex in Corpus Christi, Texas to repair a leak that let product from the unit move through the ultraformer into the atmosphere.

Reuters, 07:50 November 28, 2006

Valero Repairing Coker Line Leak at Port Arthur, Texas Refinery November 27

According to a filing with Texas regulators, a leak developed on a line at a delayed coker unit at Valero's 260,000 b/d refinery in Port Arthur, Texas. Off-gas streams from the diesel hydrotreater and hydrocracking unit were flared in order to make repairs.

Bloomberg News, 10:35 November 28, 2006

Reuters, 08:00 November 28, 2006

Reformer Shut at Hovensa's 495,000 b/d St. Croix Refinery - Traders

Traders said that Hovensa is offering a heavy naphtha cargo weighing about 30,000 tons (about 220,000 barrels) on the spot market. The traders say that the move was prompted by an unplanned reformer shutdown.

Reuters, 16:49 November 27, 2006

Production Begins on Satellite of Alpine Oil Field Along Alaska's North Slope

On November 27, ConocoPhillips released a statement saying that production has begun on the Nanuq oil field along Alaska's North Slope. The field, a satellite of the Alpine oil field, is expected to reach peak production of 15,000 b/d of oil in 2008.

Oil Daily November 28, 2006

Shell to Inspect Damaged Niger Delta Oil Facilities

Royal Dutch Shell will inspect pollution and damage to oil facilities in the western Niger Delta as a first step to resuming 500,000 b/d of shut Nigerian production. Militant attacks have shut production from the Forcados and EA oilfields, slashing Shell's output in the Delta. Shell decided to return to the shut facilities after a three-way meeting between Shell executives, Nigerian government officials and a militant group from the area. In the meeting, Shell and the Nigerian government committed to several infrastructure investments for local communities. Another militant group, not present at the meeting, has consistently threatened to execute any oil worker found returning to the abandoned oil fields. According to Shell officials, some production, including the 115,000 b/d EA oilfield can be restarted within weeks after inspections. However, other facilities damaged in the attacks or vandalized since then could take several months to return to full capacity. In the nine months since the closure, at least 435 miles of pipeline has been stolen.

Reuters, 10:40 November 28, 2006

Natural Gas

Nothing to report.

Other News

Nothing to report.

Energy Prices

U.S. Oil and Gas Prices			
November 28, 2006			
	Today	Week Ago	Year Ago
CRUDE OIL West Texas Intermediate U.S. \$/Barrel	60.87	58.01	57.36
NATURAL GAS Henry Hub \$/Million Btu	7.58	7.57	11.01

Source: Reuters

Energy Notes

Rainstorm Knocks Out Power to Nearly 20,000 LADWP Customers in Southern California November 27

<http://ktla.trb.com/news/ktla-stormpower.0.6390076.story?coll=ktla-news-1>

GreenField Ethanol Breaks Ground on New Ethanol Plant in Ontario

Reuters, 05:09 November 28, 2006

MEA Taking Public Input on Sites for Two 100 MW Plants in Alaska Slated for 2015

<http://powermarketers.net/contentinc.net/newsreader.asp?ppa=8knpp%5E%5BkieovnlVUhd%22EN%26bfe1%5Dv>

Leftist Candidate Wins Ecuador Presidency, Vows to Renegotiate Foreign Oil Contracts

Reuters, 11:23 November 28, 2006

Kazakhstan Says Caspian Oil Project Delays May Threaten Plans to Triple Output by 2015

Bloomberg News, 10:19 November 28, 2006

Kuwait Again Extends Deadline for Submission of Bids to Build Its 615,000 b/d Refinery in Kuwait

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<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

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