



ENERGY ASSURANCE DAILY

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Major Developments

146,000 Customers Remain Without Power in Western New York State October 17

As of this morning, about 110,000 National Grid and 36,000 New York State Electric & Gas customers are still without power for the fourth day after nearly two feet of snow fell in Buffalo, New York. About 390,000 people originally lost power in the storm. Both utilities hope to have power restored to all customers by October 22.

<http://www.auburnpub.com/articles/2006/10/17/news/state/state02.txt>
<http://www.wkbw.com/Story.aspx?type=ln&NStoryID=15531>

Only 1,000 HECO Customers in Hawaii Remain Without Power October 16

By the evening of October 16, power had been restored to all Hawaiian Electric Company (HECO) customers on the Big Island and Maui, and all but 1,000 customers on Oahu remained without power after losing power from the earthquake on October 15. Although all of HECO's circuits were restored by 1:55 a.m. on October 16, some pockets of customers island-wide remained without power. State officials are asking for an explanation for the length of the outage at Oahu, and the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) will begin an inquiry that could lead to a formal investigation. HECO officials said the electrical distribution system operated as expected when it shut down after the quake tripped sensors in place to prevent further physical damage to the system. A HECO spokesperson said the outages were possibly caused by blown fuses or transformers. Crews were dispatched to each area to determine the cause.

<http://www.newsday.com/news/nationworld/wire/sns-ap-hawaii-earthquake.0,2139063.story?coll=sns-ap-nationworld-headlines>
<http://starbulletin.com/2006/10/17/news/story01.html>

Chevron Checking Its 54,000 b/d/ Refinery in Honolulu, Hawaii

On October 16, Chevron said that it was assessing machinery at its 54,000 b/d refinery in Honolulu, Hawaii, before restarting. Chevron's refinery shut on October 15 after the earthquake knocked out power to the plant on the island of Oahu.

Source: Oil Daily, October 17, 2006

Update: Tesoro Sees No Short-term Supply Issues

Workers at Tesoro's refinery at Kapolei labored to restore operations after shutting the refinery down as a precaution on Sunday when the earthquake hit. The units will be brought back online over the next few days.

http://www.bizjournals.com/pacific/stories/2006/10/16/daily14.html?from_rss=1

Electricity

30,000 CenterPoint Energy Customers in Houston Lose Power After Heavy Rains October 17

<http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2006/10/17/national/main2097539.shtml>

25,000 Commonwealth Edison Customers in Chicago's Western Suburbs Lose Power October 17

At least 25,000 customers in the northwest suburbs were without power this afternoon after an apparent fire at a Commonwealth Edison substation in Hanover Park.

<http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/custom/newsroom/chi-061017outage.1,5643245.story?track=rss>

Ontario Power Authority Signs Contracts with CHP Projects Across Ontario Combined Capacity of 414 MW

The Ontario Power Authority signed contracts with seven high-efficiency combined heat and power (CHP) projects, ranging in size from a 2 MW district energy project in Oshawa to a 236 MW industrial application in Thorold. The combined electrical capacity equals 414 MW, and is expected to become operational between February 2008 and May 2010.

http://pro.energycentral.com/professional/news/power/news_article.cfm?id=7281493

ATC's Upgraded Power Lines Placed into Service October 14-15 in Wisconsin and Michigan

American Transmission Company (ATC) recently completed a two-year project of upgrading 80-year-old facilities in Wisconsin and Michigan. The company placed into service its new power lines over the weekend of October 14 and 15.

http://pro.energycentral.com/professional/news/power/news_article.cfm?id=7282875

FirstEnergy's 1,238 MW Perry Nuke in Ohio at 78 Percent Capacity October 16

The 1,238 MW nuclear reactor located in Lake County, Ohio reduced power to make control-rod adjustments. The adjustments are aimed to maximize fuel efficiency before its planned refueling in March 2007. The reactor is expected to return to full power later today, October 17.

Bloomberg News, 13:36 October 16, 2006

TXU's 750 MW Coal-Fired Monticello Unit 3 in Texas Shut October 17

According to a filing with Texas environmental regulators, the 750 MW coal-fired unit located in Mount Pleasant, Texas shut to replace an electrostatic precipitator transformer that malfunctioned on October 17.

Reuters, 12:36 October 17, 2006

CPS Energy's 405 MW Coal-Fired JT Deely Unit 1 in Texas Shut October 16

According to a report filed at Texas regulators, CPS Energy planned to shut the 405 MW unit in San Antonio, Texas from October 16 to 19 to repair a tube leak. The company did not indicate when the unit would return to service, but electricity traders noted it usually takes a few days to fix a leak of this type.

Reuters, 07:59 October 17, 2006

Petroleum

Oil Spilled at Sunoco's 330,000 b/d Refinery in Pennsylvania October 15

Sunoco Inc.'s refinery in South Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, was operating normally October 17 after 5,600 bbl of crude oil spilled at its storage tank early October 15. According to a company spokesperson, an oil boom contained the oil, and workers are reclaiming the oil from the ground. The reason for the spill is being investigated, and it is unknown how long it will take to clean up the spill.

Oil Daily, October 17, 2006

Reuters, 11:47 October 17, 2006

First Tanker from Exxon's Sakhalin-1 in Russia Sets Sail

The first tanker carrying crude oil from the Exxon Mobil-led Sakhalin-1 development on Russia's Pacific shelf has set sail from the De Kastro terminal on the Russian mainland.

http://www.energyintel.com/PublicationHomePage.asp?publication_id=31

Arkansas Environmental Agency Issues Emergency Order to Clean up 1,600 Barrel Oil Spill

The Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) issued an emergency order to Razorback, LLC, a subsidiary of TransMontaigne Partners, to clean up a gasoline spill of about 1,600 barrels near its facility located at Roger, Arkansas. The spill, which had been estimated to be only 24 barrels when it first occurred on October 3, has now escalated to 1,600 barrels. The gasoline spilled over the containment areas but is still within the company's premises. The clean-up process is ongoing, which might take months to complete, according to an ADEQ official.

Reuters, 13:23 October 17, 2006

Normal Production Resumes at Shell's 12,000 b/d Oil Pumping Station in Nigeria

Royal Dutch Shell's Nun River flow station in Nigeria has resumed pumping around 12,000 b/d of oil after shutting down last week when Nigerian villagers from the Oporoma community in Bayelsa state seized the pumping station and captured sixty oil workers. Attacks on oil facilities in Nigeria have caused about 600,000 b/d of oil production to shut in.

Reuters, 11:20 October 17, 2006

Natural Gas

Nothing to report.

Other News

Nothing to report.

Energy Prices

U.S. Oil and Gas Prices			
October 17, 2006			
	Today	Week Ago	Year Ago
CRUDE OIL			
West Texas Intermediate U.S. \$/Barrel	58.91	58.50	64.26
NATURAL GAS			
Henry Hub \$/Million Btu	6.26	5.16	13.89

Source: Reuters

Energy Notes

FERC Approves Northwest Pipeline's New Pipeline Loops in Washington State

<http://powermarketers.net/contentinc.net/newsreader.asp?ppa=8kowu%5D%5BjlnootqSTkh%23%3A%40%24bfe1%5Dv>

San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station to Conduct Emergency Siren System Test October 18

http://pro.energycentral.com/professional/news/power/news_article.cfm?id=7283686

OPA Approves Algoma Steel's Proposal for 70 MW Cogeneration Power Facility

http://pro.energycentral.com/professional/news/power/news_article.cfm?id=7284464

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

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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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