



# ENERGY ASSURANCE DAILY

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## ***Electricity***

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### **Update: PSEG's 1,049 MW Hope Nuke Exits Outage in New Jersey January 31**

The unit, which shut January 29, ramped up to 5 percent of capacity today.  
Reuters, 13:43 January 31, 2007

### **Update: Dominion's 1,155 MW Millstone Nuke Unit 3 Ramps Up to 85 Percent in Connecticut January 31**

The unit was at 18 percent of capacity on January 30 as it exited an outage.  
Reuters, 13:43 January 31, 2007

### **Update: Southern's 869 MW Hatch Nuke Unit 1 in Georgia Shut January 31**

The unit was shut to repair main condenser tubes. The unit had been operating at a reduced rate since January 29 to repair wiring to a control valve.  
Reuters, 13:43 January 31, 2007

### **Constellation's 890 MW Calvert Cliffs Nuke Unit 1 in Maryland Off Line January 31**

The unit was taken off line during the morning of January 31 to repair a leak in the high pressure turbine exhaust piping.  
Bloomberg, 12:28 January 31, 2007

### **PPL's 759 MW Montour Coal-fired Unit 1 in Pennsylvania Shut January 30**

Reuters, 20:21 January 30, 2007

## ***Petroleum***

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### **Flaring Reported at Shell's 156,000 b/d Martinez Refinery in California January 31**

The flaring occurred early on January 31 according to a report filed with state regulators. Although no information was available as to the unit involved, the report indicated that approximately 500 pounds of sulfur dioxide were flared.

Reuters, 08:29 January 31, 2007

### **Brief Process Upset Reported at ConocoPhillips' 146,000 b/d Borger Refinery in Texas January 30**

According to a report filed with state regulators, the incident occurred in Area B of the refinery and lasted approximately 15 minutes.

Reuters, 08:15 January 31, 2007

### **Syncrude Canada Reports Small Fire in Upgrader in Alberta January 30**

Syncrude Canada Ltd reported that a small fire occurred at its upgrader in northern Alberta on January 30. The fire was confined to a pump at a hydrotreater unit at the facility. The company did not provide any information as to any impact on oil production.

Reuters, 17:40 January 30, 2007

### **Damaged Revealed in Transco Pipeline, Williams Reduces Daily Capacity January 30**

Williams Cos found the wall thickness on its Transco natural gas pipeline in New Jersey to be thinner than regulations allow. The company reduced throughput by 2.5 percent or 200 MMcf/d. At the present, the disruption affects interruptible customers only but additional reductions will be necessary while repairs are made. Bloomberg, 16:01 January 30, 2007

### **Mid-Continent Crossing Pipeline Project Discontinued**

CenterPoint Energy Gas Transmission Company and Spectra Energy have agreed to discontinue the development of their joint Mid-Continent Crossing (MCX) pipeline. The MCX route was planned to move natural gas from the mid-continent basins to key interconnects serving U.S. Northeast and Southeast markets. "Market and economic analyses do not support the construction of the proposed pipeline at this time," the two companies said in a joint statement. "We will continue to independently evaluate opportunities for building infrastructure to transport mid-continent natural gas supplies including projects in the vicinity of the proposed MCX pipeline."

<http://www.centerpointenergy.com/newsroom/archives/1,2776,113398,00.html>

[http://www.spectraenergy.com/news/releases/2007/Jan/20070131\\_01.asp](http://www.spectraenergy.com/news/releases/2007/Jan/20070131_01.asp)

### **El Paso and Xcel to Develop New Pipeline and Storage Capacity in Colorado**

Colorado Interstate Gas (CIG), a subsidiary of El Paso Corporation, and Xcel Energy announced today that they plan to develop and lease new natural gas transportation and storage facilities in Colorado under their joint venture called WYCO. The proposed project includes approximately 164 miles of natural gas transmission pipeline and natural gas storage facilities having working gas capacity of approximately 7 billion cubic feet. CIG is holding a binding open season for the proposed project. CIG expects to file applications with FERC in the spring and fall of 2007.

<http://investor.elpaso.com/phoenix.zhtml?c=97166&p=irol-newsArticle&ID=956151&highlight=>

<http://biz.yahoo.com/bizj/070131/1410677.html?v=1>

Reuters, 08:31 January 31, 2007

### **Iran Proposes OPEC-like Entity for Natural Gas Exporters Russia Denies Existence of such a Plan**

Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei proposed that a supplier cartel like OPEC be set up for natural gas exporters. On a return trip from Iran, Igor Ivanov, Russia's Security Council Secretary, confirmed that Russia is willing to coordinate its gas policies with other exporting nations. He said there is no plan to form an OPEC-type organization for natural gas exporters.

*World Gas Intelligence*, January 31, 2007, [www.intelligencepress.com](http://www.intelligencepress.com)

*Oil Daily*, January 31, 2007, [http://www.energyintel.com/PublicationHomePage.asp?publication\\_id=10](http://www.energyintel.com/PublicationHomePage.asp?publication_id=10)

## Other News

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### **Update: Bush's National Economic Council Director Says Ethanol Tariff Will Remain**

National Economic Council Director Al Hubbard said the Administration has no intention of trying to get the tariff on ethanol lifted. He noted that the tariff is set to expire in 2009 and said it would be appropriate for Congress to revisit the issue at that time.

<http://www.platts.com/Oil/News/6343210.xml?p=Oil/News&sub=Oil>

### **BNSF Prepared to Implement Changes in its Fuel Surcharges**

In response to a recent ruling by the Surface Transportation Board that prohibits railroads from calculating fuel surcharges as a percentage of base rates, Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) railroad said it is ready to make changes in its policy. BNSF was the only Class I railroad that set its fuel surcharges based on mileage. All of the other Class I railroads based fuel surcharges on the price of diesel fuel or crude oil.

<http://www.platts.com/Coal/News/6343284.xml?p=Coal/News&sub=Coal>

## Energy Prices

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U.S. Oil and Gas Prices			
January 31, 2007			
	Today	Week Ago	Year Ago
<b>CRUDE OIL</b> <b>West Texas Intermediate U.S.</b> \$/Barrel	57.17	54.07	67.92
<b>NATURAL GAS</b> <b>Henry Hub</b> \$/Million Btu	7.76	7.58	8.68

Source: Reuters

## Energy Notes

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### **BP to Increase Natural Gas Recovery from San Juan Basin**

[http://pro.energycentral.com/professional/news/gas/news\\_article.cfm?id=7733554](http://pro.energycentral.com/professional/news/gas/news_article.cfm?id=7733554)

NGI, *Natural Gas Intelligence*, January 31, 2007, <http://intelligencepress.com/>

### **Texas 2006 Production: Oil Down, Natural Gas Up**

Reuters, 14:09 January 30, 2007

### **Coast Guard Closes Boston's Charles River After 4 Suspicious Packages Found January 31**

Reuters, 14:50 January 31, 2007

### **Russian Cabinet Approves Draft Bill to Restrict Foreign Investment**

[http://biz.yahoo.com/ap/070131/russia\\_foreign\\_investors.html?v=5&printer=1](http://biz.yahoo.com/ap/070131/russia_foreign_investors.html?v=5&printer=1)

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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](http://www.eia.doe.gov/oil_gas/petroleum/data_publications/weekly_petroleum_status_report/wpsr.html)

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***Natural Gas Weekly Update*** from EIA

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

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