



ENERGY ASSURANCE DAILY

Thursday Evening, February 19, 2009

Electricity

Update: AES Cancels Plans for 630 MW Generation Expansion at its 320 MW Shady Point Coal-fired Plant in Oklahoma

AES has decided not to go forward with the 630 MW expansion project and withdrew its air permit application with the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality.

<http://www.swtimes.com/articles/2009/02/19/news/news02.txt>

Consolidated Energy Postpones Plans for 109 MW Oil- and Petroleum Coke-fired Power Plant in Utah

Plans for the proposed power plant are on hold due to strong opposition from local residents and officials.

<http://www.ksl.com/?nid=148&sid=5627325>

TVA's 1,155 MW Browns Ferry Nuke Unit 1 in Alabama Shut by February 19

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission reported that on the morning of February 18 the unit was operating at full power.

Information derived from the NRC Power Reactor Status Reports:

<http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/event-status/reactor-status/2009/>

OPG's 494 MW Lambton Coal-fired Unit 1 in Ontario Shut by February 19

The unit was shut for work. Electricity traders guessed the unit would return within a week.

Reuters, 12:01 February 19, 2009

OPG's 490 MW Nanticoke Coal-fired Unit 5 in Ontario Shut February 18

Reuters, 9:42 February 19, 2009

Bruce Power's 822 MW Bruce Nuke Unit 6 in Ontario Returns to Service February 18

The unit was shut earlier on Wednesday after one of Hydro One's transmission lines tripped.

Reuters, 11:58 February 19, 2009

Update: Cabrillo Power's 330 MW Encina Gas-fired Unit in California Returns to Service February 18

According to the California Independent System Operator, the unit experienced an unplanned outage.

<http://www.caiso.com/unitstatus/data/unitstatus200902181515.html>

Update: AES's 226 MW Huntington Beach Gas-fired Unit 1 in California Returns to Service February 18

According to the California Independent System Operator, the unit experienced an unplanned outage.

<http://www.caiso.com/unitstatus/data/unitstatus200902181515.html>

Petroleum

SRU Shut at Marathon's 76,000 b/d Texas City, Texas Refinery February 18

The unit was shut due to the loss of condensate pumps.

<http://www11.tceq.state.tx.us/oce/eer/index.cfm?fuseaction=main.getDetails&target=120297>

Olefins Unit Shut at Shell's 329,800 b/d Deer Park, Texas Refinery February 18

The unit was shut for work.

<http://www11.tceq.state.tx.us/oc/eer/index.cfm?fuseaction=main.getDetails&target=120100>

BP Shuts Flow Line due to Spill in Prudhoe Bay, Alaska February 18

BP shut a flow line and 11 wells after a release of natural gas, crude oil, and water. The size of the spill is unknown and the cause remains under investigation.

Bloomberg News, 11:04 February 19, 2009

Azerbaijan Cuts Crude Output Forecast by a Fifth to 355.5 MMbbls for 2009

According to an Azeri government source, the cuts are due to production problems and low oil prices.

Reuters, 10:50 February 19, 2009

OPEC to Cut Crude Shipments by 3 Percent in Month Ending March 7 – Oil Movements

OPEC will load 22.8 MMb/d in the period, down from 23.5 MMb/d in the month ended February 7. This will be OPEC's lowest crude export rate in five years.

Bloomberg News, 11:30 February 19, 2009

Natural Gas

Oil Spill Shuts Sunoco's 142,000 b/d Maumee Pipeline in Ohio February 18

An oil spill was discovered at Sunoco's Cygnet pump station and terminal last night. It was determined that the oil was coming from the pipeline but the cause of the leak is still under investigation. The Maumee pipeline system transports crude from Ohio to Michigan.

<http://www.wtol.com/Global/story.asp?S=9870886>

Rockies Express Pipeline Plans Expansion of Meeker-Cheyenne Hub Segment of the Pipeline in Colorado

Rockies Express Pipeline (REX) has filed an application with FERC for additional compressors to expand capacity between the Meeker Hub and the Cheyenne Hub.

NGI's Daily Gas Price Index February 19, 2009, <http://intelligencepress.com/>

Update: Nebraska Resources Company Cancels Plans for Proposed Gas Pipeline through Nebraska

Nebraska Resources Company has stated that it is "unable at this time to conclude agreements with credit worthy counterparts that will support the further financing and development of the pipeline."

<http://www.yorknewstimes.com/articles/2009/02/18/news/doc499c245e2b3f8473770269.txt>

<http://nrc.seminoleenergy.com/Documents/NRC%20Status%20Letter.pdf>

Other News

NRC Approves Rule Incorporating EPA Radiation Protection Standards for Yucca Mountain in Nevada

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) final rule retains the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) standard dose limit for individuals of 15 millirem for the first 10,000 years after disposal and adopts EPA's 100 millirem dose limit for 10,000 to 1 million years after disposal of nuclear waste.

<http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/news/2009/09-031.html>

Energy Prices

U.S. Oil and Gas Prices			
February 19, 2009			
	Today	Week Ago	Year Ago
CRUDE OIL West Texas Intermediate U.S. \$/Barrel	37.23	35.22	98.65
NATURAL GAS Henry Hub \$/Million Btu	4.35	4.68	8.73

Source: Reuters

Energy Notes

Florida's Governor Crist Announces Opposition to Proposed Calypso Gas Pipeline and Calypso Port Offshore Fort Lauderdale, Florida – Governor's Opposition Could Mean End of Project

<http://www.miamiherald.com/news/southflorida/story/910743.html>

Federal and State Officials Investigating Oil Spill at ExxonMobil's Platform Offshore California

<http://www.tampabay.com/news/local/story.aspx?storyid=100727>

Nigerian Military Repels Attack on ExxonMobil's Housing Compound in the Niger Delta

http://www.rigzone.com/news/article.asp?a_id=73075

LNG Plant, a Part of Sakhalin Energy's Sakhalin II Project, Commences Operation in Russia

http://www.rigzone.com/news/article.asp?a_id=73085

http://www.downstreamtoday.com/news/article.aspx?a_id=15207

Links

This Week in Petroleum from the Energy Information Administration (EIA)

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

Updated every Wednesday.

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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