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Electricity

Sithe Proceeding with Plans for Power Plant in Nevada

Despite the plans of Nevada Power Company and Sierra Pacific Power Company to build a power plant near Ely, Nevada, Sithe Global Power of New York announced its intent to proceed with plans to build a power plant near Mesquite, Nevada. Sithe's project, the Toquop Energy Project, will be a 750- megawatt, coal-fired power plant. Pending approval, both power plants are scheduled to start generating power by 2011.

<http://powermarketers.net/contentinc.net/newsreader.asp?ppa=8knpp%5E%5BggksrIkSUhdy30qbfel%5Dv>

Update: FPL's 693 MW Unit 4 at its Turkey Point Nuclear Plant in Florida at Full Power February 23

FPL's 693 MW Unit 4 at its Turkey Point nuclear generating station in Florida ramped up to 100 percent of capacity by early February 23. The unit had been shut to replace equipment that monitors reactor power.

Reuters, 07:48 February 23, 2006.

Exelon's 1,134 MW Unit 2 at its Limerick Nuclear Plant in Pennsylvania Shut February 23

According to the daily report of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, the 1,134 MW unit 2 at the Limerick nuclear generating station of Exelon Corp. was shut by early morning on February 23. According to a company representative, the unit was shut so that three safety valves could be replaced.

Reuters, 07:44 February 23, 2006.

Bloomberg, 09:20 February 23, 2006.

TVA's 1,170 MW Watts Bar Nuclear Plant in Tennessee Climbs Back to 83 Percent of Capacity February 23

On February 22, the Tennessee Valley authority reduced power at its 1,170 MW Watts Bar nuclear generating station in Tennessee so that workers could remove debris from the unit's main condenser. According to a statement from TVA on February 23, power is being restored and the unit was operating at 83 percent of capacity.

Bloomberg, 12:11 February 23, 2006.

Petroleum

Coking Unit at Citgo's 425,000 b/d Lake Charles Refinery in Louisiana Shut February 22

According to traders in the area, a coking unit at the 425,000 b/d Citgo refinery in Lake Charles, Louisiana was shut on February 22 for unplanned maintenance. Sources estimate that the unit will be out of service for approximately one week.

Reuters, 13:46 February 23, 2006.

Natural Gas

LNG Shipments in Boston Harbor Have Increased Dramatically

The average number of liquefied natural gas (LNG) shipments through Boston Harbor has dramatically increased in the last six years. According to Department of Energy records, LNG shipments over the past two years have averaged about one every 5.6 days. In 2005, there were 63 shipments of LNG through the harbor, an increase of 61 percent from 2001 when shipments averaged one every 8 days.

<http://powermarketers.net/contentinc.net/newsreader.asp?ppa=8knpp%5E%5BggllsqTUhdy30qbfe1%5Dy>

Kinder Morgan Completes Work on Natural Gas Compressor Station in Oklahoma

Kinder Morgan's subsidiary, the Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America, has completed unscheduled repairs at a compressor station in Oklahoma. Compressor station 812 in Atoka County, Oklahoma had been closed for repairs since January 30.

Reuters, 14:42 February 22, 2006.

Other News

Nothing to report.

Energy Prices

U.S. Oil and Gas Prices			
February 23, 2006			
	Today	Week Ago	Year Ago
CRUDE OIL			
West Texas Intermediate U.S.	58.03	58.61	51.73
\$/Barrel			
NATURAL GAS			
Henry Hub	7.23	7.16	6.02
\$/Million Btu			

Source: Reuters

Energy Notes

Louisiana Public Service Commission Approves Cleco Plans for 600 MW Solid-fuel Plant

http://www.shareholder.com/cnl/nr_releases.cfm

Bill Introduced to Ban Oil and Gas Drilling Off California Coast

Natural Gas Intelligence, February 22, 2006

Regional Approach to LNG Siting Requested by New England Lawmakers

<http://www.newsday.com/news/local/wire/ny-bc-ct--lngnewengland0223feb23.0.2370992.story>

EEI: U.S. Weekly Power Generation Up 6.1 Percent from 2005

Reuters, 10:45 February 23, 2006.

China Plans World's First Commercial Nuke Power Plant Using Pebble-Bed Technology

<http://www.iht.com/articles/2006/02/21/business/chinuke.php>

Sectarian Violence Continues in Nigeria – 146 Killed in Riots

Reuters, 12:15 February 23, 2006.

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