



ENERGY ASSURANCE DAILY

Wednesday Evening, March 16, 2016

Electricity

Strong Storms Knock Out Power to Over 15,000 MidAmerican Energy Customers in Illinois March 15

Strong storms knocked out power to 15,229 MidAmerican Energy customers in the Quad Cities region of Illinois on Tuesday night. The utility reported numerous incidents of trees downing power lines and poles. As of 3:30 p.m. EDT Wednesday, 438 customers remained without power.

<https://www.midamericanenergy.com/OutageWatch/dsk.html>

http://www.qconline.com/news/local/more-than-without-power/article_04f85cfe-6bba-5a60-875f-37e4f46019af.html

DTE's 1,089 MW Fermi Nuclear Unit 2 in Michigan Reduced to 90 Percent by March 16

On the morning of March 15 the unit was operating at full power.

<http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/event-status/reactor-status/2016/>

BHE Renewables' 276 MW Solar Star Unit 2 in California Shut by March 15

The unit entered an unplanned outage.

<http://content.caiso.com/unitstatus/data/unitstatus201603151515.html>

Sempra's 625 MW Termoelectrica De Mexicali Gas-fired Unit in California Shut by March 15

The unit entered an unplanned outage.

<http://content.caiso.com/unitstatus/data/unitstatus201603151515.html>

<http://www.semprainternational.com/about-us.html#mapcontent-4>

Petroleum

Update: Valero Restarts Hydrocracking Unit at Its 335,000 b/d Port Arthur, Texas Refinery March 15 – Sources

Valero Energy Corp restarted a 57,000 b/d hydrocracking unit (HCU) on Tuesday at its Port Arthur, Texas, refinery, sources familiar with plant operations said. The HCU, which is the larger of two hydrocrackers at the refinery, was shut for unplanned repairs on February 18. A restart attempt on March 1 was halted due to a heat malfunction on the unit.

Reuters, 3:35 March 15, 2016

Phillips 66 Reports Compressor Shutdown at its 120,000 b/d Rodeo, California Refinery March 14

Phillips 66 reported a compressor shutdown and excessive flaring at its Rodeo, California refinery on Monday.

Reuters, 13:59 March 16, 2016

Tesoro Reports Unplanned Unit Upset at its Los Angeles, California Facility March 15

Tesoro said its Los Angeles, California facility experienced an unplanned unit upset that resulted in flaring. The unit affected remained in service. Tesoro operates a 257,300 b/d refinery in Carson and a 104,500 b/d refinery in Wilmington.

Reuters, 14:50, March 16, 2016

Shell Reports Units Shut at Its Scotford, Alberta Facility March 16 – Community Line

Royal Dutch Shell Plc reported a unit shutdown and flaring for the next 48 hours at its Scotford, Alberta facility, according to a community line. The Scotford facility houses a 100,000 b/d refinery and a 255,000 b/d oil sands upgrader.

Reuters, 10:56 March 16, 2016

U.S. Crude Inventories Hit Record for Fifth Straight Week – EIA

U.S. crude stocks rose last week for a fifth straight week, reaching a new record high, data from the Energy Information Administration (EIA) showed on Wednesday. Crude inventories increased by 1.3 million barrels in the week to March 11, a much smaller inflow than the 3.4 million-barrel increase expected by analysts. Crude stocks at the Cushing, Oklahoma, delivery hub rose by 545,000 barrels, hitting a new all-time high, EIA said. U.S. crude imports fell last week by 355,000 b/d.

Reuters, 10:37 March 16, 2016

Phillips 66 Sends Its First U.S. Crude Cargo to Singapore

Phillips 66 is chartering a vessel that's loading crude in Texas, and headed to Singapore, according to fixture data available via Thomson Reuters Eikon. The Cape Bari, a Suezmax tanker, is expected to discharge on April 8.

Reuters, 2:26 March 15, 2016

Gunvor Group Exports Its First U.S. Crude Cargo

Swiss trader Gunvor Group Ltd will be lifting domestic sweet crude, its first crude export from the U.S., on an Aframax vessel from Freeport, Texas, in April, a company spokesman said on Thursday. The cargo will go to Panama where the company owns a stake in a storage facility.

Reuters, 1:18 March 10, 2016

State of Georgia Senate Approves Temporary Pipeline Moratorium Bill Barring Use of Eminent Domain March 15

Georgia's state Senate on Tuesday approved House Bill 1036, which would place a temporary moratorium on pipeline companies' ability to use eminent domain for surveying and acquiring private land. During the moratorium, the state's existing Pipeline Act, passed in 1995, would be studied for potential changes. The moratorium would end on June 30, 2017, after a state commission issues its findings and lawmakers possibly act on them.

Reuters, 3:34 March 16, 2016

Natural Gas

Update: Manta Ray Offshore Gathering Company Expects Valve Repair at Its Green Canyon 19 Platform in Gulf of Mexico to Be Completed March 17

Manta Ray Offshore Gathering Company on Tuesday said valve repair at the Green Canyon 19 platform is estimated to be completed Thursday, March 17. On March 10, the company extended its force majeure, originally declared on February 11, due to inclement weather offshore preventing maintenance activities.

<http://www.enbridge.com/Informational-Postings/Manta-Ray/Notices/Critical.aspx>

Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America Declares Force Majeure Due to Leak in Kansas March 16

Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America on Tuesday declared force majeure due to a leak near Compressor Station 194 on its Amarillo 3 mainline located in Lincoln County, Kansas. The company temporarily reduced the maximum operating pressure in the area, limiting its throughput capacity northbound out of the Midcontinent Zone.

http://pipeline2.kindermorgan.com/Notices/NoticeDetail.aspx?code=NGPL¬c_nbr=36139&date=3/16/2016&subject=¬c_type=-1¬c_sub_type=-1¬c_ind=C

Other News

Nothing to report.

Libya's Oil Production Drops to 295,000–350,000 b/d in Past Two Weeks – NOC

Libya's oil production dropped to between 295,000–350,000 b/d for the past two weeks because of long-standing power supply problems, a spokesman for the National Oil Corporation said on Wednesday. Shortages from the public electricity network had affected oil supplies from the eastern Sarir and Messla fields but production was expected to recover soon to between 360,000–370,000 b/d, according to the spokesman.

Reuters, 12:15 March 16, 2016

Energy Prices

U.S. Oil and Gas Prices			
March 16, 2016			
	Today	Week Ago	Year Ago
CRUDE OIL West Texas Intermediate U.S. \$/Barrel	38.38	37.57	43.93
NATURAL GAS Henry Hub \$/Million Btu	1.78	1.55	2.66

Source: Reuters

Links

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

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

Updated every Wednesday.

Weekly Petroleum Status Report from EIA

http://www.eia.gov/oil_gas/petroleum/data_publications/weekly_petroleum_status_report/wpsr.html

Updated after 10:30 AM & 1:00 PM ET every Wednesday.

Natural Gas Weekly Update from EIA

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

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