



# ENERGY ASSURANCE DAILY

Friday, March 23, 2007

## ***Electricity***

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### **Update: AmerGen's 636 MW Oyster Creek Nuke Unit 1 in New Jersey Ramps Up to 88 Percent March 23**

The unit ramped up after operating at 83 percent yesterday. Output was reduced March 13 when a leaking pump seal was discovered. The unit will continue slowly ramping up to full power as long as seal pressure remains stable. Bloomberg News, 12:15 March 23, 2007

<http://www.app.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20070313/NEWS/70313004>

### **NCUU Issues Ruling Supporting Duke Energy's Development of New Nuclear Generation in South Carolina**

The North Carolina Utilities Commission (NCUC) ruling follows Duke Energy Carolinas' September 2006 filing, in which the utility sought assurance that evaluation and development of its proposed William States Lee III Nuclear Station in Cherokee County, South Carolina, would be regarded as prudent and that the utility would recover its portion of costs. The NCUU ruled that it is appropriate for Duke Energy to pursue development of the project.

[http://www.tickertech.com/cgi/?a=news&ticker=a&w=&story=200703200703201835PR\\_NEWS\\_USPR\\_\\_CLT\\_U321](http://www.tickertech.com/cgi/?a=news&ticker=a&w=&story=200703200703201835PR_NEWS_USPR__CLT_U321)

### **Proposed Hydroelectric Power Plant in Illinois to Proceed**

The U.S. Arms Corps of Engineers has concluded a legal agreement with Price Dam Partnership Ltd. to proceed with designs for a 92 MW hydroelectric power plant in Alton, Illinois. While the agreement does not guarantee that the plant will actually be built, the project has also received a permit and license to operate from the FERC.

<http://stlouis.bizjournals.com/stlouis/stories/2007/03/19/daily57.html>

[http://www.zwire.com/site/news.cfm?newsid=18112207&BRD=1719&PAG=461&dept\\_id=25271&rfi=6](http://www.zwire.com/site/news.cfm?newsid=18112207&BRD=1719&PAG=461&dept_id=25271&rfi=6)

## ***Petroleum***

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### **ExxonMobil's 155,000 B/d Torrance Refinery in California Reduced Output March 22**

ExxonMobil issued a controlled shutdown following an "upset" with a sulfur recovery unit. The refinery has been undergoing maintenance since February and has been operating at reduced output as a result of the maintenance work. A company representative indicated that the refinery continues to operate at a reduce rate and expects to meet customer needs as the incident continues to be assessed.

Bloomberg News, 12:43 March 23, 2007

## ***Natural Gas***

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### **El Paso Declares Force Majeure at TransColorado's Blanco Delivery Point March 22**

El Paso announced that because of the presence of a liquid in the line that it would curtail the volume of gas available at the Blanco delivery point on the TransColorado Pipeline until further notice.

Source: TransColorado's EBB

## LNG Supply Imports May Reach Record Levels during Summer 2007 – Market Analysts

According to RBC Capital Market analysts, LNG imports in the U.S. may reach 3 Bcf/d this summer as significant new global supplies become available and strong domestic prices pull the supply to the U.S from other markets.

<http://www.platts.com/Natural%20Gas/News/6368421.xml?sub=Natural%20Gas&p=Natural%20Gas/News>

## International Group Teaming to Develop 1 Bcf/d LNG Terminal on Texas Gulf Coast

Korea Gas Corp, LG International Corp., EMS Group, and Gulf Coast LNG Partners LP are forming a group to develop the Calhoun LNG Project, an LNG import terminal on the U.S. Gulf coast. The terminal will feed the proposed 36-inch, 27-mile Point Comfort Pipeline, which in turn will connect with nine other pipelines supplying gas to Texas, the Midwest, Northeast, and Southeast regions of the U.S. The proposed terminal will be able to process about 1 bcf/d on natural gas.

Bloomberg News, 04:56 March 23, 2007

<http://www.calhounlng.com/project.htm>

## Other News

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Nothing to report.

## Energy Prices

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U.S. Oil and Gas Prices			
March 23, 2007			
	Today	Week Ago	Year Ago
<b>CRUDE OIL</b> <b>West Texas Intermediate U.S.</b> \$/Barrel	60.85	57.06	62.13
<b>NATURAL GAS</b> <b>Henry Hub</b> \$/Million Btu	7.16	6.84	7.16

Source: Reuters

## Energy Notes

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### Two Foreign Oil Workers Kidnapped in Nigeria's Oil City, March 23

Reuters, 06:48 March 23, 2007

## Links

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*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](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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