



# ENERGY ASSURANCE DAILY

Friday Evening, April 03, 2015

## *Electricity*

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### **Storms, Strong Winds Knock Out Power to Over 47,000 Westar Energy Customers in Kansas April 2–3**

Storms bringing hail and damaging winds hit south-central Kansas overnight, with reported wind gusts up to 89 mph, knocking out power to 47,369 customers. Westar on Friday morning said it was assessing the damage and had crews from Missouri, Arkansas, and Oklahoma to help restore power. As of 3:30 p.m. EDT, 38,202 customers remained without power.

<https://twitter.com/westarenergy>

<https://www.facebook.com/YourWestar>

<http://outagemap.westarenergy.com/external/default.html>

[http://www.bizjournals.com/wichita/morning\\_call/2015/04/storm-damages-businesses-homes-schools-canceled.html](http://www.bizjournals.com/wichita/morning_call/2015/04/storm-damages-businesses-homes-schools-canceled.html)

### **Update: Southern's 856 MW Hatch Nuclear Unit 1 in Georgia Ramps Up to 93 Percent by April 3**

On the morning of April 2 the unit was operating at 45 percent, ramped up from 17 percent by April 1. The unit was reduced from 95 percent to 15 percent on March 31.

<http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/event-status/reactor-status/2015/>

### **Exelon's 855 MW Quad Cities Nuclear Unit 1 in Illinois Shut on April 3**

The unit experienced a manual reactor scram from full power due to a steam leak.

<http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/event-status/reactor-status/2015/>

<http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/event-status/event/2015/20150403en.html>

### **Update: Entergy's 966 MW River Bend Nuclear Unit 1 in Louisiana at Full Power by April 3**

On the morning of April 2 the unit was operating at 70 percent, reduced from 89 percent on April 1.

<http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/event-status/reactor-status/2015/>

## *Petroleum*

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### **Marathon Petroleum Says Tentative Labor Deals Reached at Refineries in Texas and Kentucky**

Marathon Petroleum Corp on Thursday said it had reached tentative labor pacts with the union at its 242,000 b/d Catlettsburg, Kentucky and 84,000 b/d Texas City, Texas refineries. The company also said a labor pact has been ratified at its 80,000 b/d Canton, Ohio refinery. Temporary replacement workers have been used at the Catlettsburg and Texas City refineries since labor walkouts started February 1.

Reuters, 16:37 April 2, 2015

### **Oasis Petroleum Pipeline Spills 500 Barrels of Brine in North Dakota April 2**

The North Dakota Department of Health reported April 2 that 475 barrels of brine were recovered after an Oasis Petroleum LLC-owned pipeline leaked about 500 barrels of brine into a nearby wetland in Burke County.

[http://www.upi.com/Business\\_News/Energy-Resources/2015/04/02/Oilproduct-spill-hits-North-Dakota](http://www.upi.com/Business_News/Energy-Resources/2015/04/02/Oilproduct-spill-hits-North-Dakota)

## **U.S. DOT Readies Emergency Oil Train Safety Measures**

The U.S. Transportation Department (DOT) is completing work on a package of measures to control oil train dangers before the Obama administration finalizes a national safety plan expected by May, an official with knowledge of the plans said on Thursday. The measures, which could include emergency orders, safety advisories, or other controls, should be in force within days, said the source.

Reuters, 18:47 April 2, 2015

## **U.S. Oil Rig Weekly Decline Smallest Since December 2014 – Baker Hughes**

The number of rigs drilling for oil in the U.S. declined by 11 this week to 802, the smallest decline since December 2014, oil services firm Baker Hughes said on Thursday. The data compares with declines of 12 and 41 rigs in the prior two weeks. Energy producers responded quickly to a steep drop in oil prices over the last six months, idling nearly 800 rigs, or 50 percent, since a peak of 1,609 rigs in October. With the decline this week, the number of oil rigs has fallen for a record 17 weeks in a row to the lowest level since 2011, according to Baker Hughes data.

Reuters, 13:09 April 2, 2015

## **Buckeye Partners Announces Successful Open Season for Its Michigan/Ohio Pipeline Expansion Project**

Buckeye Partners, L.P. on Thursday announced that one of its operating subsidiaries, Buckeye Pipe Line Transportation LLC, successfully closed a binding open season for its Michigan/Ohio Pipeline Expansion Project. Once complete, the project will allow Buckeye Transportation to offer expanded transportation service of refined petroleum products from origin points in Michigan and Ohio to destination points in Ohio and Western Pennsylvania. The open season closed March 31 and prospective shippers will be notified by April 24, 2015 of their awarded commitments, with fully executed Transportation Services Agreements to follow later in the second quarter of 2015. Project completion is scheduled for the second half of 2016.

<http://www.buckeye.com/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=hRiN17FbIQk%3d&tabid=83&mid=1635>

## **NuStar Energy Announces Second Binding Open Season for South Texas Crude Oil Pipeline System Expansion Project**

NuStar Energy L.P. on Thursday announced the start of the second binding open season of its South Texas Crude Pipeline System expansion. Current construction has resulted in an additional 10,000 b/d of available capacity for firm volume commitment. The season commenced on April 2 and continues until April 23. NuStar's South Texas Crude System currently consists of over 200 miles of crude transmission and gathering lines, spanning from LaSalle County, McMullen County, Frio County, and Live Oak County, and continuing to Corpus Christi in Nueces County.

<http://phx.corporate-ir.net/phoenix.zhtml?c=123440&p=irol-newsArticle%20Print&ID=2032080>

## ***Natural Gas***

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### **DCP Midstream Reports Emissions Exceeded at Its 160 MMcf/d Goldsmith Gas Plant in Texas April 2**

DCP Midstream exceeded sulfur dioxide emissions during a heat soak of the plant's Cold Bed Adsorption Bed B Claus Reactor 2. The sulfur recovery unit (SRU) was stabilized in order to achieve the required efficiency for sulfur removal. Once the SRU was returned to required operating levels, emissions returned within required limits.

<http://www11.tceq.state.tx.us/oce/eer/index.cfm?fuseaction=main.getDetails&target=212195>

## ***Other News***

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Nothing to report.

## ***International News***

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Nothing to report.

## Energy Prices

U.S. Oil and Gas Prices			
April 3, 2015			
	Today	Week Ago	Year Ago
<b>CRUDE OIL</b> <b>West Texas Intermediate U.S.</b> \$/Barrel	49.08	48.78	99.65
<b>NATURAL GAS</b> <b>Henry Hub</b> \$/Million Btu	2.59	2.73	4.35

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](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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