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Electricity

Calpine's 323 MW Metcalf Gas-fired Unit in California Shut April 6

Reuters, 11:29 April 11, 2006.

Sempra's 551 MW Elk Hills Gas-fired Unit in California Shut April 9

Reuters, 11:29 April 11, 2006.

AES' 225 MW Huntington B 1 Gas-fired Unit in California Shut April 9

Reuters, 11:29 April 11, 2006.

AES' 225 MW Huntington B 2 Gas-fired Unit in California Shut April 9

Reuters, 11:29 April 11, 2006.

San Antonio's 405 MW JT Deely 1 Coal-fired Unit in Texas Shut April 9

Reuters, 11:29 April 11, 2006.

SCE's 525 MW Mountainview 3 Gas-fired Unit in California Shut April 10

Reuters, 11:29 April 11, 2006.

AES' 236 MW Alamitos 4 Gas-fired Unit in California Shut April 10

Reuters, 11:29 April 11, 2006.

APS' 1,314 MW Palo Verde 2 Nuke in California Shut April 11

Arizona Public Service's 1,314 MW Palo Verde 2 nuclear unit in Arizona was shut late Monday so operators could repair a feedwater valve.

Reuters, 10:58 April 11, 2006.

AES' 528 MW Welsh 2 Coal-fired Unit in Texas to Restart April 12

Reuters, 11:29 April 11, 2006.

TMPA's 426 MW Gibbons Creek Coal-fired Unit in Texas to Restart April 12

Reuters, 11:29 April 11, 2006.

AES' 528 MW Welsh 2 Coal-fired Unit in Texas to Restart April 12

Reuters, 11:29 April 11, 2006.

West Virginia Judge Dismisses Lawsuit Blocking Mount Storm Wind Project

A circuit judge told Grant County property owners that the state Supreme Court has already ruled on the \$300 million, 200 wind turbine project and that he doesn't have the power to overrule the court.

<http://powermarketers.net/contentinc.net/newsreader.asp?ppa=8knpp%5E%5BglssnpuXTft9K%22bfe%5D%21>

\$1.1 Billion in Electric Lines Proposed in Arizona and California

The major transmission projects planned in Arizona include a 115-mile line from Palo Verde to Yuma, a 25-mile line from West Valley to Pinnacle Peak, a 160-mile line from Palo Verde to Mesa, and a 230-mile line from Palo Verde to Palm Springs, CA.

http://www.redorbit.com/news/science/465018/11b_in_electric_lines_proposed_planned_routes_slated_for_valley/index.html?source=r_science

Site Work Begins for 550 MW Plant in Toronto, Canada

The 550 MW Portlands Energy Centre (PEC) has started preliminary site work in preparation for the construction of the new, high efficiency natural gas generation station to be located east of the retired Hearn generating station in Toronto Canada.

http://pro.energycentral.com/professional/news/power/news_article.cfm?id=6546850

Petroleum

BP to Resume Output Soon at Texas City Refinery Shut After Hurricane Rita

The 437,000 b/d refinery has been in startup operations the past few weeks.

Bloomberg News, 12:05 April 11, 2006.

Summer Fuel Shortages, Spikes Possible – Bodman

U.S. consumers may face gasoline shortages or price hikes at the pump this summer due to fuel additive changes at refineries and a likely strong hurricane season, the Department of Energy Secretary Sam Bodman said on Friday, April 7. Also see EIA's Summer Fuel Outlook mentioned in next story.

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2006/04/07/AR2006040701364.html>

EIA's Summer Fuels Outlook Expects Gasoline Prices to Stay High, \$2.62 per Gallon

EIA Administrator Guy Caruso said today that gasoline may peak in May 2006 at \$2.78 to 2.83 per gallon.

<http://www.eia.doe.gov/emeu/steo/pub/contents.html>

<http://www.platts.com/Oil/News/7380671.xml?p=Oil/News&sub=Oil&src=null>

Nigerian Militant Group Martyrs Brigade Threatens to Attack Exxon Mobil

This is a different group than the Movement for the Emancipation of the Niger Delta (MEND), which is responsible for shutting down Shell oil operations in the Niger Delta.

Bloomberg News, 11:36 April 11, 2006.

More Tax Increases from Venezuela?

Only weeks after imposing tough new operating contracts on international oil companies, Venezuela, the world's fifth-largest oil exporter, has warned they could face further tax increases.

http://us.ft.com/ftsuperpage/superpage.php?news_id=fto041020061650484067&referrer_id=yahoo_finance

Natural Gas

FERC's Environmental Impact Statement OKs Southern's Cypress Pipeline Plan

The purpose of the Cypress Pipeline Project is to support the increased use of imported liquefied natural gas (LNG) from Southern's existing Elba Island LNG Terminal to supply in the Southeast. The project, over 175 miles long, would enable Southern to transport up to 500 million cubic feet per day of natural gas in a three-phased expansion.

<http://www.ferc.gov/industries/gas/enviro/eis/04-07-06.asp>

Other News

ICG Illinois' Viper Coal Mine Damaged, Out 4 to 6 Weeks

International Coal Group, Inc. announced that its ICG Illinois, LLC subsidiary suffered a belt fire in the production shaft of its Viper mine near Elkhart, Illinois. The fire began at approximately 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 8, while workers were performing maintenance on the mine's high angle conveyor belt. The fire was extinguished at around 2:30 p.m. the same day. No one was injured in the incident. The company will be forced to cut back coal shipments to some customers once existing inventory is depleted in approximately 2 to 3 weeks. This mine, 180 miles southwest of Chicago has issued a force majeure notice to customers.

Reuters, 13:21 April 11, 2006.

<http://biz.yahoo.com/pnews/060410/clm076.html?v=26&printer=1>

Florida Power & Light Offering a Reward for ID of Vandal

Florida Power & Light is offering a \$100,000 reward for identification of the person or persons involved in drilling a small hole into a pressurized pipe during Turkey Point-3's current nuclear power plant refueling outage.

<http://www.platts.com/Nuclear/News/6217927.xml?p=Nuclear/News&sub=Nuclear&src=null>

DM&E Railroad Still Trying to Expand into Powder River Basin

The plan would allow 100 million additional tons on coal to be hauled out of the Powder River Basin in Wyoming.

<http://www.platts.com/Coal/News/7378611.xml?p=Coal/News&sub=Coal&src=null>

Energy Prices

U.S. Oil and Gas Prices			
April 11, 2006			
	Today	Week Ago	Year Ago
CRUDE OIL			
West Texas Intermediate U.S.	69.03	65.78	53.71
\$/Barrel			
NATURAL GAS			
Henry Hub	6.99	7.04	7.17
\$/Million Btu			

Source: Reuters

Energy Notes

Los Angeles Refinery Accident Kills One Worker

<http://www.newsday.com/news/nationworld/wire/sns-ap-refinery-accident,0,1802182.story?coll=sns-ap-nationworld-headlines>

FERC's EIS OKs Florida Gas Transmission's 33-mile Expansion Plan

<http://www.ferc.gov/industries/gas/enviro/eis/04-07-06.asp>

Questar plans 77-mile-long gas pipeline in Sweetwater County, Wyoming

<http://www.billingsgazette.net/articles/2006/04/11/news/wyoming/45-questar.txt>

OPEC to Expand Production Capacity 5 million b/d by 2010

<http://www.platts.com/Oil/News/8377180.xml?p=Oil/News&sub=Oil&src=null>

EIA Issues US. Coal Supply and Demand - 2005 Review

<http://www.eia.doe.gov/cneaf/coal/page/special/feature.html>

Kinder Morgan Agrees with PHMSA to Improve Pipeline Integrity

<http://biz.yahoo.com/prnews/060410/nym148.html?.v=40>

Marine Engineers' Beneficial Association Endorses BHP Billiton LNG Plan off Oxnard, California

http://pro.energycentral.com/professional/news/gas/news_article.cfm?id=6544921

NASEO/EIA/DOE-OE 2006 Summer Fuels Outlook Conference Held Today

<http://www.naseo.org/events/summer/default.htm>

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 at 10:30 AM and 1:00 PM EST every Wednesday.

Natural Gas Weekly Update from EIA

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

Updated after 2:00 PM EST every Thursday.

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