



ENERGY ASSURANCE DAILY

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Electricity

Thunderstorms, Tornadoes Knock Out Power to Over 25,000 Customers in Oklahoma May 6

Severe storms and multiple tornadoes knocked out power to 16,276 OG&E and 9,000 Oklahoma Electric Coop (OEC) customers across central Oklahoma on Wednesday. OG&E reported lines and poles were down and an OEC spokesperson said it lost transmission lines feeding several substations. Following the storms, multiple highways and roadways were shut down due to high water and debris. As of 3:30 p.m. EDT, 6,521 OG&E and 2,127 OEC customers remained without power.

<http://www.news9.com/story/29001790/thousands-of-oge-customers-without-power-thursday-morning>

https://twitter.com/OGandE?original_referer=https%3A%2F%2Foge.com%2Fwps

<https://oge.com/wps/portal/oge/outages/systemwatch!/ut/p/a1/jdDBCoJAEAbgp>

http://www.muskogeephoenix.com/news/oklahoma_news/tornadoes-batter-central-oklahoma/article_7d09476e-f47a-11e4-b616-ff518d38adb8.html

<https://twitter.com/okcoop>

<http://www.okcoop.org/outages>

Mirant's 1,159 MW Pittsburg Gas-fired Units 5, 6, 7 in California Shut by May 6

The units entered an unplanned outage totaling at 1,159 MW.

<http://content.aiso.com/unitstatus/data/unitstatus201505061515.html>

Entergy CEO Announces Preparation for Future Industrial Load Growth in Louisiana

Entergy Corp expects to invest over \$5 billion in its Louisiana utilities by 2019 as low energy prices attract petrochemical and industrial firms from around the world to expand operations in the state. Entergy's CEO said Entergy's Louisiana utilities will need to be ready to serve 1,600 MW of industrial demand growth by 2019 as energy-intensive companies expand along the Gulf Coast. Total demand for its Louisiana utilities peaked at 9,270 MW in 2014. Entergy's Louisiana utilities currently operate about 10,500 MW of mostly gas-fired and nuclear generation. The company recently completed a 560 MW combined-cycle Unit 6 at the Nine Mile power plant near New Orleans.

Reuters, 11:37 May 6, 2015

Petroleum

Update: Fires Extinguished after BNSF Oil Train Derailment in North Dakota May 6

The fires involving yesterday's derailed tank cars in Heimdal, ND have been extinguished, according to BNSF. State officials initially reported 10 cars derailed and caught fire but later revised that number to 6. The 6 cars that derailed and caught fire were carrying approximately 180,000 gallons of oil. BNSF has removed a majority of the crude oil from the derailed tank cars and local residents were advised yesterday evening by local officials that it is safe to return to their homes. Upon completion of the NTSB's investigation, the derailed cars will then be moved from the site and the remaining clean up and track repairs will begin.

<https://www.piersystem.com/go/doc/7090/2502146/>

<http://www.usnews.com/news/us/articles/2015/05/06/oil-train-derailment-prompts-evacuation-in-north-dakota-town>

Kinder Morgan Receives FERC Approval on Commercial Aspects of Its Proposed 167,000 b/d Palmetto Pipeline to Serve the Southeast

Kinder Morgan, Inc. today announced it received approval from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) regarding the rates, terms, and conditions of service for the proposed Palmetto Pipeline on May 1. The proposed Palmetto Pipeline will enable refined petroleum products to be transported across Baton Rouge, Louisiana; Collins and Pascagoula, Mississippi; Belton and North Augusta, South Carolina; Savannah, Georgia; and Jacksonville, Florida. The system will have a design capacity of up to 167,000 b/d and will consist of a segment of expansion capacity that Palmetto will lease from Plantation Pipe Line Company between Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and Belton, South Carolina. A new 360-mile pipeline from Belton, South Carolina, to Jacksonville, Florida, will also be constructed as part of the system.

<http://ir.kindermorgan.com/press-release/all/kinder-morgan-receives-ferc-approval-commercial-aspects-palmetto-pipeline>

Husky Delays Planned Turnaround until 2016 at Its 160,000 b/d Toledo, Ohio Refinery

Husky said it delayed a planned turnaround at its jointly owned BP Toledo, Ohio refinery until 2016. The planned turnaround was scheduled to start in September and involved the refinery's 55,000 b/d fluid catalytic cracker and one of two crude units. The Toledo refinery is one of four refineries on strike.

Reuters, 10:40 May 6, 2015

ExxonMobil Reports Process Upset at Its 238,600 b/d Joliet, Illinois Refinery May 7

Reuters, 4:08 May 7, 2015

HollyFrontier Reports Emissions at Its 85,000 b/d Tulsa West, Oklahoma Refinery May 1

HollyFrontier Corp reported excess opacity from a coker flare on May 1 at its Tulsa West, Oklahoma, refinery, according to a filing with the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality.

Reuters, 10:11 May 7, 2015

CVR Reports Emissions at Its 70,000 b/d Wynnewood, Oklahoma Refinery May 4

CVR Energy Inc reported excess opacity from the fluid catalytic cracking unit regenerator on May 4 at its Wynnewood, Oklahoma, refinery, according to a filing with the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality.

Reuters, 10:15 May 7, 2015

ExxonMobil Says No Impact to Production Due to Valve, Regeneration Unit Malfunction at Its 344,600 b/d Beaumont, Texas Refinery May 7

Reuters, 9:58 May 7, 2015

Reuters, 7:12 May 7, 2015

ExxonMobil Says Breakdown in Unit Caused Flaring at Its 149,500 b/d Torrance, California Refinery May 6

ExxonMobil Corp said a breakdown related to an unspecified unit caused flaring at its refinery in Torrance, California, on Wednesday. In two separate regulatory filings, the company earlier reported unplanned flaring and an unspecified breakdown at the refinery.

Reuters, 21:23 May 6, 2015

Sunoco Logistics Says Its 200,000 b/d Permian Express II Pipeline in Texas on Schedule for Third Quarter of 2015

Sunoco Logistics Partners said on Thursday that its Permian Express II crude oil pipeline was on schedule and expected to start up in the third quarter of this year. The pipeline will primarily parallel the existing Sunoco Pipeline systems between a tank terminal located north of Colorado City, Texas and its tank facility in Corsicana, Texas.

Reuters, 8:50 May 7, 2015

<http://sxlpipelineprojects.com/projects/permian-express-ii/>

Natural Gas

Nothing to report.

Other News

Nothing to report.

International News

Iraqi Battle to Secure Baiji Oil Refinery Heading in ‘Wrong Direction’ – Pentagon

The Pentagon on Wednesday said Iraq’s fight to secure the country’s largest oil refinery from Islamic State militants was headed in the wrong direction and declined to predict the outcome of an ongoing battle. A Pentagon spokesman said it’s been a tough, fluid fight and right now it’s flowing in the wrong direction. He added, “It could still turn around. At this point, it’s impossible to predict how it’s going to play out.”

http://www.downstreamtoday.com/news/article.aspx?a_id=47563

Libya’s 30,000 b/d Nafoura Oilfield Shuts Due to Pipeline Blockage – AGOCO

Libya’s Nafoura oilfield shut due to a pipeline blockage linking it to the eastern port of Zueitina, a spokesman for the state operator AGOCO said on Thursday. The field’s output was between 30,000 and 35,000 b/d, the spokesman said. Protesters demanding jobs this week stopped all crude flows to Zueitina.

Reuters 6:38 May 7, 2015

Two Tankers Lift 1.7 Million Barrels of Crude Oil at Libya’s Hariga Port

A tanker left the eastern Libyan port of Hariga after lifting one million barrels of crude, an oil official said on Thursday. A second tanker was about to dock at the port near the Egyptian border to lift 700,000 barrels, the official said.

Reuters, 7:18 May 7, 2015

Energy Prices

U.S. Oil and Gas Prices			
May 7, 2015			
	Today	Week Ago	Year Ago
CRUDE OIL			
West Texas Intermediate U.S.	58.94	59.57	101.03
\$/Barrel			
NATURAL GAS			
Henry Hub	2.75	2.56	4.78
\$/Million Btu			

Source: Reuters

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

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

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

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