



ENERGY ASSURANCE DAILY

Tuesday, May 30, 2006

Electricity

57,000 ComEd Customers in Illinois Were Without Electricity May 29

Approximately 57,000 Commonwealth Edison customers lost power after severe thunderstorms swept through the Chicago area late May 29. Most power was restored by early May 30.

<http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/custom/newsroom/chi-060530severe-weather.1.1067302.story?track=rss>

34,000 CL&P Customers in Connecticut Lost Power May 27

A "transmission issue" caused a power outage to about 34,000 Connecticut Light and Power customers in Stamford and Greenwich, Connecticut for five hours on May 27. All power was restored later in the day.

<http://www.stamfordadvocate.com/news/local/scn-sa-nor.outage8may28.0.5770850.story?coll=stam-news-local-headlines>

TXU Corp.'s 750 MW Martin Lake Coal-fired Unit 3 in Texas Returns to Service May 30

The unit, located in Rusk County, Texas, shut over the weekend to fix a boiler tube leak and returned to service on early Tuesday.

Reuters, 10:17 May 30, 2006.

OPG's 490 MW Nanticoke Coal-fired Units 3 & 7 Exited Outage May 30

Ontario Power Generation's 490 MW coal-fired Units 3 & 7, which shut on May 23 and May 22, respectively, returned to service on May 30.

Reuters, 09:53 May 30, 2006.

AEP to Shut 690 MW Oklaunion Coal-fired Unit in Texas May 26

Texas regulators reported that American Electric Power Co. planned to shut its coal-fired unit in Wilbarger County, Texas on May 26 to fix a boiler tube leak. The company reported that the unit would return to service about mid-June. Electricity traders say that this is an extraordinary length of time to fix a boiler tube leak.

Reuters, 09:31 May 30, 2006.

FirstEnergy's 821 MW Beaver Valley Nuke Unit 1 in Pennsylvania Ramps up to Full Power May 30

The unit located in Beaver County, Pennsylvania, shut on May 26 due to a problem with a protection system, which was likely caused by a faulty memory card. It ramped up to full power early Tuesday.

Reuters, 08:10 May 30, 2006.

Entergy's 1,270 MW Grand Gulf Nuke Plant in Mississippi Exits Outage May 30

Grand Gulf nuclear power plant in Claiborne County, Mississippi, which shut on May 22 to investigate a fuel leak, exited an outage and ramped up to 1 percent power on early Tuesday.

Reuters, 08:04 May 30, 2006.

NPPD's 756 MW Cooper Nuke Plant in Nebraska Ramps up to Full Power May 30

Nebraska Public Power District's Cooper nuclear power station, which shut on May 22 due to a compressor failure, ramped up to full power on May 30.

Reuters, 07:59 May 30, 2006.

DTE Energy's 1,111 MW Fermi Nuke Unit 2 in Michigan Ramps up to 86 Percent Power May 30

The Fermi nuclear power station, located in Monroe County, Michigan, shut while it replaced a leaking fuel rod assembly. It ramped up to 86 percent capacity as it exited an outage on May 30.
Reuters, 07:51 May 30, 2006.

Duke Energy's 1,129 MW Catawba Unit 2 in South Carolina Ramps up to Full Power May 30

Catawba power station, located in York County, South Carolina, shut on May 20 due to loss of offsite power. Unit 2 exited an outage and ramped up to full power on May 30, but it is not known when Unit 1 will return to service.
Reuters, 07:42 May 30, 2006.

Petroleum

ConocoPhillips' Refinery in Sweeny, Texas Experiences Feed Loss May 26

According to Texas regulators, ConocoPhillips' Sweeny refinery experienced a loss of feed to a fluid catalytic cracking unit while switching feed tanks. The refinery has a 216,000 b/d processing capacity and a total charge capacity of 275,000 b/d. No further information is yet available from the refinery's spokesperson.
Reuters, 09:58 May 30, 2006.

Natural Gas

Centerpoint's Pipeline Project from Texas to Louisiana Receives FERC DEIS Approval

On May 26, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued a favorable draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for Centerpoint Energy Gas Transmission's (CEGT) pipeline project from Texas to Louisiana. The 42-inch pipeline will stretch 172 miles from Carthage, Texas, to Perryville, Louisiana.

<http://powermarketers.netcontentinc.net/newsreader.asp?ppa=8kowu%5D%5BhinprvpSUIh%216C%29bfeI%5Dv>

Other News

Update: Georgia Utility Needs to Import Coal from Indonesia Due to U.S.'s Overburdened Rail System

The Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia reported at last week's Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee hearing that it prefers to obtain its coal from Wyoming, but due to the lack of increases in the U.S. railroad system's delivery capacity, the utility must rely on coal from Indonesia instead. Other energy executives at the hearing commented on the past year's coal distribution shortages. Included in the hearing's proposed solutions was the establishment of "mandatory reliability standards for the railroads and more effective oversight by Congress of the Surface Transportation Board."

<http://www.billingsgazette.net/articles/2006/05/26/news/wyoming/50-coal-railroads.txt>

Energy Prices

U.S. Oil and Gas Prices			
May 30, 2006			
	Today	Week Ago	Year Ago
CRUDE OIL West Texas Intermediate U.S. \$/Barrel	72.15	71.12	51.65
NATURAL GAS Henry Hub \$/Million Btu	6.20	5.89	6.22

Source: Reuters

Energy Notes

Consolidated Edison Seeks Approval for Installation of Underground Transmission Lines in New York City.

<http://www.lohud.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20060529/NEWS02/605290308/1018/NEWS02>

OPEC Meeting June 1 Not Likely to Result in Action

http://www.energyintel.com/PublicationHomePage.asp?publication_id=31

Special Federal Working Group to Oversee U.S. Nuclear Power Expansion

<http://www.platts.com/Nuclear/News/8459947.xml?p=Nuclear/News&sub=Nuclear>

Emera Brunswick Pipeline Company Submits Application for Pipeline and LNG Facility Near Canadian Border

http://pro.energycentral.com/professional/news/gas/news_article.cfm?id=6731195

Nigerian Oil Union Ends Strike to Resolve Employment Dispute in Negotiation

Reuters, 06:05 May 30, 2006.

US Northwest River Forecast Center Says January-July Water Runoff at 101 Percent at the Dallas Dam on the Columbia River in Oregon

Reuters, 17:49 May 30, 2006.

Links

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

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

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Weekly Petroleum Status Report from EIA

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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