



# ENERGY ASSURANCE DAILY

Wednesday Evening, June 10, 2009

## *Electricity*

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### **Severe Storms Knock Out Power to More Than 90,000 Customers in the Baltimore-Washington Metropolitan Area June 9**

More than 90,000 customers were reported without power in the Baltimore-Washington metropolitan area after a second wave of thunderstorms knocked down power lines throughout the region. Earlier on June 9, morning thunderstorms knocked out power to 12,000 customers in the region. Outages from the second wave included more than 30,000 Baltimore Gas & Electric (BGE) customers in Maryland and 14,600 Dominion Power Customers in Northern Virginia. As of early June 10, 7,000 BGE were reported still without power.

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/06/09/AR2009060902789.html>  
<http://wbal.com/apps/news/templates/story.aspx?articleid=29052&zoneid=3>

### **Mohave Generating Station in Nevada to be Decommissioned, Dismantled in 2010**

The owners of the 1,580 MW Mohave Generating Station in Laughlin, Nevada, including Southern California Edison, June 10 announced the decision to decommission the station and remove the generating facility from the site. During the coming months, non-generating equipment and facilities will be dismantled. Then, in 2010, the plant's generating equipment will be removed and its operating permits terminated. The site's transmission switchyard and some related facilities will remain in place. Mohave ceased power generation in December 2005 due to the lack of new water and coal agreements needed to proceed with emissions control upgrades required for operation after 2005.

<http://www.edison.com/pressroom/pr.asp?id=7234>

### **TVA's 1,118 MW Browns Ferry Nuke Unit 2 in Alabama Ramped Up to 20 Percent by June 10**

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission reported that on the morning of June 9 the unit was operating at 1 percent. Information derived from the NRC Power Reactor Status Reports:

<http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/event-status/reactor-status/2009/>

### **Reliant's 215 MW Mandalay Gas-fired 1 Unit in California Shut by June 9**

According to the California Independent System Operator, the unit reported an unplanned outage on June 9.

<http://www.caiso.com/unitstatus/data/unitstatus200906091515.html>

### **Ace Cogeneration's 118 MW Coal-fired Unit in California Shut by June 9**

According to the California Independent System Operator, the unit reported an unplanned outage on June 9.

<http://www.caiso.com/unitstatus/data/unitstatus200906091515.html>

### **La Paloma's 260 MW La Paloma Gas-fired Unit 1 in California Returns to Service by June 9**

According to the California Independent System Operator, the unit reported a return from an unplanned outage.

<http://www.caiso.com/unitstatus/data/unitstatus200906091515.html>

### **PG&E's 144 MW Haas Hydro Units 1 & 2 in California Return to Service by June 9**

According to the California Independent System Operator, the unit reported a return from an unplanned outage.

<http://www.caiso.com/unitstatus/data/unitstatus200906091515.html>

## ***Petroleum***

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### **Update: Production Rates ‘Significantly Reduced’ at Valero’s 185,000 b/d Norco, Louisiana Refinery**

The company says production rates are “significantly reduced” but the fluidic catalytic cracking unit (FCCU) is still running after a fire early June 9. The crude distillation unit, coker, and vacuum unit remain shut, according to a company spokesperson.

Bloomberg News, 12:15 June 10, 2009

<http://www.reuters.com/article/marketsNews/idUSN1027806620090610>

### **Deltek Shuts SCOT Unit at 58,000 b/d Tyler, Texas Refinery June 9**

The unit was shut for four days of unplanned maintenance.

Bloomberg News, 23:56 June 9, 2009

Reuters, 18:37 June 9, 2009

<http://online.wsj.com/article/BT-CO-20090610-706785.html>

### **Valero Running Coker Units at 80 Percent Due to Narrow Discounts for Heavier Crudes**

Bloomberg News, 13:09 June 10, 2009

### **Saudi Arabia Begins Production from 1.2 Million b/d Khurais Oil Field**

According to Saudi Aramco, the field is the largest ever single addition to global oil supplies. The field contains Arab Light crude and will also produce 325 MMcf/d of sour gas and 70,000 b/d of natural gas liquids.

Reuters, 12:09 June 10, 2009

### **MEND Claims Attack on Chevron Pump Station in Nigeria June 9**

The Movement for the Emancipation of the Niger Delta (MEND) said that it started a fire at Chevron’s Utonana crude oil pumping station late June 9. Chevron confirmed that there had been a fire at the facility, which was already shut before the incident due to an attack on the company’s Abiteye pipeline on May 24.

Bloomberg News, 10:14 June 10, 2009

Reuters, 19:58 June 9, 2009

## ***Natural Gas***

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### **Section of Transcontinental Gas Pipeline to be Shut for Repair Near North Carolina/Virginia Border June 10**

As a result of pipeline inspections, Transco will be removing a section of pipeline from service for anomaly repair near the North Carolina/Virginia border. The duration of the repair and associated outage could take up to 6 weeks to complete.

<http://www.1line.williams.com/1Line/wgp/download?delvid=2568203&hfNoticeFlag=Y&hfDownloadFlag=false&hfFileName=download.html>

## ***Other News***

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### **Valero’s 110 MMGal/yr Ethanol Plant in Albion, Nebraska Back in Operation**

A Valero spokesman said that start-up process is underway and the plant is expected to ramp up to full production fairly quickly. Valero finalized purchase of the facility on May 8th from VeraSun.

<http://www.brownfieldnetwork.com/gestalt/go.cfm?objectid=B222A7CD-5056-B82A-D06D7B86114FD324>

## Energy Prices

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U.S. Oil and Gas Prices			
June 10, 2009			
	Today	Week Ago	Year Ago
<b>CRUDE OIL</b> <b>West Texas Intermediate U.S.</b> \$/Barrel	71.17	66.23	132.15
<b>NATURAL GAS</b> <b>Henry Hub</b> \$/Million Btu	3.53	4.05	12.71

Source: Reuters

## Energy Notes

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### Senate Panel Votes to Open Parts of Eastern Gulf of Mexico to Drilling

[http://www.rigzone.com/news/article.asp?a\\_id=77036](http://www.rigzone.com/news/article.asp?a_id=77036)

### Regulators Delay Southern Co.'s Proposed 582 MW IGCC Coal-fired Power Plant to Evaluate Utility's Long-Range Power Need

Reuters 18:22 June 9, 2009

### Russia's Gazprom Plans to Start Feasibility Study for LNG Plant on the Yamal Peninsula in 2010

<http://www.downstreamtoday.com/News/ArticlePrint.aspx?aid=16671>

### Update: Court Rejects Appeal to Bar Massey Energy from Building Coal Silo Near Elementary School

<http://www2.richmond.com/content/2009/jun/09/court-rejects-appeal-of-coal-silo-near-e-03993/>

### NREL's Online Customizable Interactive Map Shows U.S. Alternative Fuel Data

<http://www.nrel.gov/news/press/2009/697.html>

## 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)

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### *Natural Gas Weekly Update* from EIA

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

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