



# ENERGY ASSURANCE DAILY

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## ***Electricity***

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### **ERCOT Forecasts Adequate Power to Meet Peak Summer Demand**

The Electric Reliability Council of Texas on June 21 released the latest forecast for this summer. ERCOT anticipates the peak demand will reach 63,794 MW, an increase of more than 2 percent above the peak reached in 2006. ERCOT also estimates that the system will maintain reserves of 14.6 percent, which is above the 12.5 percent required.

<http://www.statesman.com/business/content/business/stories/other/06/22/22cbriefs.html>

<http://www.star-telegram.com/business/story/145380.html>

### **Update: FirstEnergy's 1,275 MW Perry Nuke Unit in Ohio Restarted June 25**

By early morning on June 25, the unit had ramped up to 20 percent of capacity. It was shut on June 22 to repair electrical components connected to a valve that regulates water flowing into the reactor.

Bloomberg News, 10:05 June 25, 2007

### **Energy Northwest's 1,153 MW Columbia Nuke Unit in Washington Exits Outage After Delay June 25**

The unit shut on May 12 for refueling but the restart had been delayed for several days.

Reuters, 14:05 June 25, 2007

Bloomberg News, 12:12 June 25, 2007

Reuters, 18:38 June 22, 2007

### **Update: FPL's 693 MW Turkey Point Nuke Unit 3 in Florida Ramps up to Full Power June 25**

In a report filed with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, the plant was reported to be operating at full power, up from 2 percent of capacity on June 22. The unit had been shut on June 19 to investigate a voltage problem.

Reuters, 07:18 June 25, 2007

### **Dominion's 556 MW Kewaunee Nuke Unit in Wisconsin Reduced to 45 Percent June 25**

By early morning on June 25, the unit was operating at 45 percent of capacity according to the daily report of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. On June 22, the unit had been operating at full power.

Reuters, 07:22 June 25, 2007

### **Update: Wisconsin Energy's 512 MW Point Beach Nuke Unit 1 in Wisconsin Exits Outage June 25**

By early morning, Wisconsin Energy's unit was operating at 98 percent of capacity. The unit had had been shut down on June 15 to repair an auxiliary feedwater pump.

Reuters, 07:34 June 25, 2007

Bloomberg News, 11:19 June 25, 2007

### **TVA's 1,155 MW Browns Ferry Nuke Unit 1 in Alabama Shut June 25**

Reuters, 09:58 June 25, 2007

### **Update: TXU's 545 MW Sandow Coal-fired Unit 4 in Texas to Restart June 23-24**

The unit was shut on June 21 to repair a tube leak.

Reuters, 09:06 June 25, 2007

### **Calpine's 811 MW Delta Natural Gas-fired Unit in California at Reduced Rate June 25**

According to a report from the California Independent System Operator (ISO), the unit was operating at 601 MW so that unplanned maintenance could be performed.

Reuters, 09:46 June 25, 2007

### **PG&E's 407 MW Helms Hydro Unit 2 in California Shut June 24**

Reuters, 09:58 June 25, 2007

### **Calpine's 328 MW Metcalf Gas-fired Unit in California Shut June 22**

Reuters, 18:35 June 22, 2007

## ***Petroleum***

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### **Hydrocracker Shut at ExxonMobil's 563,000 b/d Baytown, Texas Refinery June 23**

In a filing with Texas regulators, Exxon reported that the Hydrocracking Unit No. 1 was shut to repair an exchanger leak in a cooling tower. The filing said that the incident "has had minimal impact on production and all customers needs continue to be met." An Exxon spokesman told Reuters that the unit remained shut on June 25, although repairs had been completed. <http://www2.tceq.state.tx.us/ee/main/index.cfm?fuseaction=getDetails&target=93064>  
Reuters, 12:02 June 25, 2007

### **FCCU Restarting at Lyondell's 270,000 b/d Houston, Texas Refinery June 25**

Traders told Reuters that Lyondell Chemical Co. had restarted or is in the process of restarting the fluidic catalytic cracking unit (FCCU) on June 25. The unit was shut June 22 due to a rupture to a steam line at the refinery.  
Reuters, 12:16 June 25, 2007

### **Power Outage Shuts Crude Unit, Regenerator at Valero's 130,000 b/d Houston, Texas Refinery June 23; Units Restarted June 24**

In a filing with Texas regulators, Valero reported that a partial power outage at approximately 8:30 p.m. local time June 23 caused the Complex I Regenerator and Crude Unit to shutdown. The company began restarting the shut units at 10:00 p.m. According to the filing, the restart ended at 7:00 a.m. June 24.  
<http://www2.tceq.state.tx.us/ee/main/index.cfm?fuseaction=getDetails&target=93060>

### **SCOT Unit Trips Offline at Alon's 70,000 b/d Big Spring, Texas Refinery June 24**

In a filing with Texas regulators, Alon reported that "the No. 1 SCOT was tripped off line due to air demand analyzer failure that caused excess air to the system and an automatic shutdown." Alon said it was making all efforts to bring the unit back online.  
<http://www2.tceq.state.tx.us/ee/main/index.cfm?fuseaction=getDetails&target=93061>  
<http://www2.tceq.state.tx.us/ee/main/index.cfm?fuseaction=getDetails&target=93053>

### **BP to Restart 10,000 b/d at Prudhoe Bay Oilfield in Alaska June 25**

The company expects to restart 10,000 b/d of production June 25 that was halted on June 18 to fix a small leak in a 24-inch pipeline.  
Reuters, 19:03 June 23, 2007

### **BP Extends Repairs on Leaking Crude Oil Pipeline in Indiana**

According to the Northwest Indiana Times, BP has extended repairs on a leaking crude oil pipeline supplying the company's Whiting, Indiana refinery. According to the newspaper, work began on the pipeline in April and was expected to last one week but the discovery of several more "anomalies" in the line that have caused repairs to take longer than expected.  
[http://www.nwtimes.com/articles/2007/06/24/news/lake\\_county/doc157da9de0833d2dc862573030005f148.txt](http://www.nwtimes.com/articles/2007/06/24/news/lake_county/doc157da9de0833d2dc862573030005f148.txt)  
[http://www.nwtimes.com/articles/2007/06/11/news/lake\\_county/docfe205a7442c609862572f7000636f9.txt](http://www.nwtimes.com/articles/2007/06/11/news/lake_county/docfe205a7442c609862572f7000636f9.txt)

### **Work to Begin Soon on 90,000 b/d Heavy Oil Pipeline in Wyoming**

Construction is expected to begin soon on a 103-mile, 90,000 b/d pipeline that will carry heavy crude oil between the Casper and Sinclair Oil refineries in Wyoming. The project is expected to take three to four months.  
<http://www.localnews8.com/Global/story.asp?S=6702394>

### **Update: Nigerian Labor Unions End Strike June 23**

Nigerian unions called off a strike on June 23 after the government agreed to freeze fuel prices for a year. The four-day-old general strike did not affect crude oil exports.

Reuters, 10:20 June 25, 2007

### **Shell to Resume Operations at Forcados Oil Export Terminal in Nigeria in July**

According to a Royal Dutch Shell spokesman, the company is planning to resume operations at its 380,000 b/d Forcados oil export terminal in July, more than a year after it was shut by militant attacks. A plan to resume exports from the terminal in early June did not go through as planned because of heightened security concerns.

Reuters, 10:14 June 25, 2007

### **ExxonMobil, ConocoPhillips Refuse to Sign Venezuela Heavy Oil Deal – Gov't Sources**

Unnamed government sources have told Reuters that Exxon Mobil and ConocoPhillips have refused to sign a deal to stay in heavy oil projects in the Orinoco oil belt that the Venezuelan government is nationalizing. The deadline for signing agreements is tomorrow. The fact that the two companies have so far not signed agreements greatly increases the chance that they will stop operating in the country.

Reuters, 12:52 June 25, 2007

[http://biz.yahoo.com/rb/070625/venezuela\\_nationalization\\_signing.html?v=1](http://biz.yahoo.com/rb/070625/venezuela_nationalization_signing.html?v=1)

## **Natural Gas**

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### **Update: Ground Broken for Millennium Pipeline in New York June 22**

NGI's Daily Gas Price Index June 25, 2007

### **Court Decision Supports Baltimore Law Banning LNG Facilities in Some Locations**

On June 22, a U.S. District Court decision upheld a Baltimore County law that prohibits construction of any liquefied natural gas facilities in some environmentally sensitive coastal areas. It is unclear what impact the decision may have on the proposed plant by the AES Corporation to be located at Sparrows Point, and which is still undergoing review by the FERC. AES has indicated that it continues to explore all options.

<http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/local/bal-te.md.lng23jun23.0.3272188.story?coll=bal-local-headlines>

[http://wjz.com/local/local\\_story\\_174111926.html](http://wjz.com/local/local_story_174111926.html)

## **Other News**

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Nothing to report.

## **Energy Prices**

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<b>U.S. Oil and Gas Prices</b>			
June 25, 2007			
	<b>Today</b>	<b>Week Ago</b>	<b>Year Ago</b>
<b>CRUDE OIL</b>			
<b>West Texas Intermediate U.S.</b>	68.91	69.06	71.65
\$/Barrel			
<b>NATURAL GAS</b>			
<b>Henry Hub</b>	6.77	7.69	5.89
\$/Million Btu			

Source: Reuters

## Energy Notes

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### **Storm Knocks Out Power to 15,000 MidAmerican Energy Customers in Iowa June 22**

<http://desmoinesregister.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20070623/NEWS/70623003/1001/SPORTS05>

### **Xcel Energy Seeks Approval to Build 100 MW Wind Farm in Minnesota**

<http://biz.yahoo.com/bw/070625/20070625006117.html?v=1&printer=1>

### **Interline Resources Corp. to Rebuild 4,000 b/d Refinery in Wyoming with EPA Small Refinery Status**

<http://www.pnewswire.com/cgi-bin/stories.pl?ACCT=104&STORY=/www/story/06-25-2007/0004614381&EDATE>

### **Financing Secured for Two Ethanol Plants: A 60 Million Gallon/year Plant in Ohio and a 100 Million Gallon/Year Plant in Indiana, both Expected to be in Service in Fourth Quarter of 2007**

Reuters, 13:48 June 21, 2007

### **PJM Board Approves Two Major Transmission Line Proposals: from West Virginia to Maryland and from Pennsylvania to New Jersey**

<http://www.wtol.com/Global/story.asp?S=6697312>

<http://www.pjm.com> [http://www.canadianbusiness.com/markets/market\\_news/article.jsp?content=D8PU07S00](http://www.canadianbusiness.com/markets/market_news/article.jsp?content=D8PU07S00)

### **Offshore Rig Utilization Rate Dips; Easing Worldwide Tight Supply Slightly**

Reuters, 14:18 June 22, 2007

### **FERC Okays Kinder Morgan's 135-Mile Louisiana Pipeline Connecting Cheniere LNG Terminal to Natural Gas Grid**

NGI's Daily Gas Price Index June 25, 2007

### **Santee Cooper Completing Permitting for Two New Generators in South Carolina**

<http://powermarketers.net/content/inc.net/newsreader.asp?ppa=8knpp%5E%5Bmtpmppu%5BUhd%7DGL%7Dbfem%5Ev>

### **Nigerian Militants Threaten to Attack Eni Facilities Following Government Attack Which Killed 12 Militants**

<http://www.platts.com/Oil/News/8122238.xml?p=Oil/News&sub=Oil>

### **Militants Release Four Schlumberger Oil Workers Hostages in Nigeria June 23**

Reuters, 18:37 June 25, 2007

## 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)

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>

Updated after 2:00 PM EST every Thursday.

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