



ENERGY ASSURANCE DAILY

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Electricity

Update: TVA's 1,125 MW Watts Bar Nuclear Unit 1 in Tennessee Ramps Up to 96 Percent by July 1

On the morning of June 30 the unit was operating at 77 percent, reduced from 84 percent on June 25.
<http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/event-status/reactor-status/2016/>

Update: Exelon's 1,161 MW Braidwood Nuclear Unit 1 in Illinois at Full Power by July 1

On the morning of June 30 the unit was operating at 72 percent, reduced from full power on June 22.
<http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/event-status/reactor-status/2016/>

Update: Exelon's 1,154 MW Braidwood Nuclear Unit 2 in Illinois Ramps Up to 95 Percent by July 1

On the morning of June 30 the unit was operating at 72 percent, reduced from full power on June 22.
<http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/event-status/reactor-status/2016/>

Update: Exelon's 1,111 MW La Salle Nuclear Unit 1 in Illinois at Full Power by July 1

On the morning of June 30 the unit was operating at 73 percent, reduced from 90 percent on June 23.
<http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/event-status/reactor-status/2016/>

Update: Exelon's 1,111 MW La Salle Nuclear Unit 2 in Illinois Ramps Up to 93 Percent by July 1

On the morning of June 30 the unit was operating at 74 percent, reduced from full power on June 22.
<http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/event-status/reactor-status/2016/>

Update: FirstEnergy's 1,235 MW Perry Nuclear Unit 1 in Ohio at Full Power by July 1

On the morning of June 30 the unit was operating at 70 percent, reduced from 96 percent on June 28.
<http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/event-status/reactor-status/2016/>

Entergy's 966 MW River Bend Nuclear Unit 1 in Louisiana Reduced to 75 Percent by July 1

On the morning of June 30 the unit was operating at 94 percent.
<http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/event-status/reactor-status/2016/>

Update: AES's 506 MW Redondo Gas-fired Unit 7 in California Returns to Service by June 30

The unit returned from an unplanned outage that began on June 27.
<http://content.aiso.com/unitstatus/data/unitstatus201606301515.html>

Pattern Energy Commits to Acquire 324 MW Broadview Wind Power Facility in New Mexico June 30

Pattern Energy Group Inc. on Thursday announced it has committed to acquire interests in the 324 MW Broadview Wind power facility and associated independent 35-mile, 345 kV Western Interconnect transmission line from Pattern Energy Group LP (Pattern Development). Pattern Development is beginning construction on Broadview, which is located 30 miles north of Clovis, New Mexico, and is expected to be complete in early 2017.
<http://patternenergy.com/en/media/releases/pattern-energy-commits-acquire-324-mw-broadview-wind-power-f/>

Clean Line Energy Files Application for Its 780-Mile Grain Belt Express Transmission Line with Missouri PUC June 30

Clean Line Energy Partners on Thursday filed an application with the Missouri Public Service Commission (PSC) for approval of its Grain Belt Express Clean Line. The Line is an approximately 780-mile overhead, direct current transmission line that will deliver 4,000 MW of wind energy from western Kansas to utilities and customers in Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, and neighboring states.

http://www.cleanlineenergy.com/sites/cleanline/media/news/06_30_2016_Grain_Belt_Express_Clean_Line_Filing_Release.pdf

http://www.grainbeltexpresscleanline.com/site/page/project_description

Petroleum

Update: CVR's 115,700 b/d Coffeyville, Kansas Refinery to Run at Reduced Rates Due to Magellan Pipeline Suspension June 30

Magellan Midstream Partners LP on Thursday said services on its 8-inch refined products line from Olathe, Kansas, to Kansas City remain suspended due to heavy rain and a hillside washout event. The pipeline, which services CVR Refining LP's Coffeyville, Kansas refinery, will not return to full service for another three weeks, CVR said. The pipeline incident has not caused any supply outage of refined petroleum products at Magellan's Kansas City facilities. CVR said it was informed by Magellan that temporary measures have been implemented for the refinery to partially increase rates; however it will remain at reduced levels until the pipeline is restored. In early June, CVR said it was reducing output at its 115,700 b/d Coffeyville refinery due to suspension of Magellan's pipeline, saying that it would limit the refinery's ability to ship products for up to four weeks.

<http://www.cvrrefining.com/NewsRoom/PDF/2016-06-30%20CVR%20Coff%20Refinery>

Reuters, 21:26 June 30, 2016

PBF Energy Completes Acquisition of 155,000 b/d Torrance, California Refinery from ExxonMobil July 1

PBF Energy Inc. on Friday announced that its subsidiary completed its acquisition of the Torrance, California refinery, and related logistics assets, from ExxonMobil. In addition to the refinery, the transaction includes a number of logistics assets including a network of crude and products pipelines, product distribution terminals, and refinery crude and product storage facilities. With the acquisition, PBF increased its total throughput capacity to approximately 900,000 b/d.

<http://investors.pbfenergy.com/news/2016/07-01-2016-113123883>

California Issues Subpoenas to Major Refiners in Gas Price Manipulation Investigation June 30

California's Attorney General on Thursday issued subpoenas to Valero Energy Corp and Chevron Corp as part of a probe into whether oil refiners in the state have manipulated gasoline prices since 2014. Shell, Tesoro Corp, Phillips 66, ExxonMobil, and other major refiners are also under investigation, the Wall Street Journal first reported on Thursday, citing people familiar with the matter. California Attorney General Kamala Harris sent subpoenas to the companies in May requesting information on trading, maintenance, and repair activities to determine if refiners in the state withheld supply to lift gasoline prices, the Journal said. California has the most expensive gas in the continental U.S., in part due to special blending specifications mandated by the state. Complaints by consumer advocates have led to inquiries, but so far no wrongdoing has been found. Chevron and Valero said in emails that they would cooperate with the investigation. Exxon Mobil and Phillips 66 declined to comment, while Tesoro Corp and Shell did not immediately respond to a request for comment. The Western States Petroleum Association said in a statement that members of the trade group would cooperate fully with any federal or state inquiry. The California Energy Commission in 2006 conducted a similar investigation into a spike in California gasoline prices at the request of former Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. The report found no evidence of market manipulation.

http://www.downstreamtoday.com/news/article.aspx?a_id=52651

<http://www.wsj.com/articles/california-attorney-general-investigating-major-oil-refiners-1467302726>

Freepoint Sets Up Gasoline Blending Operation in New York Harbor – Sources

Freepoint Commodities has set up its first gasoline blending operation in New York Harbor, according to two sources familiar with the plant's operations. The company has leased roughly 400,000 barrels of storage at Buckeye Partners' Port Reading terminal in New Jersey. The facility has access to the Colonial and Buckeye product pipelines.

Reuters, 10:07 July 1, 2016

U.S. Oil Drillers Add 11 Rigs July 1 – Baker Hughes

U.S. drillers added 11 oil rigs in the week to July 1, the biggest weekly increase since December, bringing the total rig count up to 341, compared with 640 a year ago, energy services firm Baker Hughes said.
Reuters, 13:52 July 1, 2016

Natural Gas

ANR Reports Unplanned Maintenance at Its Portland and Defiance Compressor Stations in Ohio July 1

ANR on Friday reported that due to unplanned compressor maintenance at the Portland and Defiance Compressor Stations located along the Southeast Central Fuel Segment (ME-3) in Ohio, the capacity was reduced by 180 MMcf/d (leaving 1,000 MMcf/d available) on July 1 and will be reduced by 255 MMcf/d (leaving 925 MMcf/d available) July 2–15.

<http://anrebb.transcanada.com/>

Update: Dominion Reports Full Operations at Its Cornwell Station in West Virginia Not Expected Before Late July

Dominion Transmission, Inc. (DTI) on Friday was continuing its efforts to clean up the damage caused by the historical flooding at its Cornwell Station last week. DTI was finishing the clean-up and is finalizing the inspection of all critical equipment. The impacted facilities are primarily the electrical systems, electric drive motors, valve operators, and controls at the station. Inspections and repairs of the electrical components used in the equipment must be completed at the various manufacturers' locations for recertification before the equipment can be put safely back in service. DTI is working diligently to minimize the Cornwell Station downtime; however, full operations at the Cornwell Station are not expected before late July. Current operations at the Station, along with alternative temporary arrangements, will allow DTI to continue to meet nominations for primary deliveries of gas to Cornwell. Further, DTI will continue to keep whole delivery nominations from EB005, EB045, EB335, EB460, Pod 9, Pod 10, Pod 12, and Pod 13. At this time, DTI expects that all primary obligations will be met. However, DTI continues to assess the situation.

https://escript.dom.com/jsp/info_post.jsp?&company=dti#

Regency Reports AGI Shut at Its 290 MMcf/d Waha Gas Plant in Texas July 1

Regency reported the acid gas injector (AGI) shut on low suction and low inlet volumes. The AGI was restarted once recompressor 4 was online and adequate inlet volumes were established.

<http://www2.tceq.texas.gov/oc/eer/index.cfm?fuseaction=main.getDetails&target=236628>

SoCalGas Has 15 Bcf of Natural Gas in Its Aliso Canyon, California Storage Facility

Southern California Gas (SoCalGas) on Friday said it has 15 Bcf of working gas in its Aliso Canyon storage facility. The facility remains shut to new gas injections as SoCalGas tests wells at the field after a massive leak between October and February. The gas at Aliso Canyon is to be used to prevent or reduce the impact of a possible fuel shortage that could cause power outages since most California power plants use natural gas as their primary fuel.
Reuters, 11:50 July 1, 2016

Other News

Nothing to report.

International News

Ecopetrol Takes Full Control of 135,000 b/d Rubiales Field in Colombia July 1

Colombia's Ecopetrol SA said it will take over full operations on Friday at the Rubiales oilfield, the country's largest, which will increase the state-run oil company's overall output by 60,000 b/d. Rubiales is located in Meta province and produces 135,000 b/d of crude oil. The takeover of a 43 percent stake previously held by Canada's Pacific Exploration will give Ecopetrol complete control over a field in which it had held a 57 percent share.

http://www.rigzone.com/news/oil_gas/a/145401/Ecopetrol_Takes_Full_Control_of_Rubiales_Field_Output_to_Rise_60000_Bpd

Iraq to Export First LPG Shipment July 2 – Oil Ministry

Iraq will export its first shipment of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) on Saturday from the southern Umm Qasr port, an oil ministry spokesman said. The 2,000-ton shipment was part of the government's strategy to supplement exports of crude oil, which provides most of Iraq's revenues, and condensates, the spokesman said.

Reuters, 7:34 July 1, 2016

Energy Prices

U.S. Oil and Gas Prices			
July 1, 2016			
	Today	Week Ago	Year Ago
CRUDE OIL West Texas Intermediate U.S. \$/Barrel	48.55	49.26	56.89
NATURAL GAS Henry Hub \$/Million Btu	2.90	2.78	2.77

Source: Reuters

Links

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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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