



# ENERGY ASSURANCE DAILY

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## **Electricity**

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### **Update: 110,000 National Grid Customers without Power Last Night as Another Storm Hits New York; 6,400 Customers Still Out of Power by Afternoon July 11**

Two separate storms during the last two days caused the loss of electricity to a total of 110,000 National Grid customers by the evening of July 10. Last night's outages were caused by lightning striking a facility in northern Saratoga County. Outages from July 10 were caused by severe thunderstorms in the Albany region. National Grid crews are working to restore power by the end of today.

<http://www.wcax.com/global/story.asp?s=6773056>

<https://www1.nationalgridus.com/niagaramohawk/storm/OutagesByCounty.aspx>

### **Customers in Demand Response Programs Reduced Usage Over 1,000 MW in PJM July 9**

PJM pays customers in demand response or demand side management programs to reduce their electricity usage when power usage reaches certain levels. Paying customers to conserve energy at certain peak usage times is less expensive than producing or purchasing the additional electricity that would be needed without such programs.

When voluntary and mandatory programs are fully invoked, such actions can reduce usage over 3,700 MW in PJM. Reuters, 14:32 July 11, 2007

### **Exelon to Deactivate 350 MW New Boston Gas-fired Unit 1 in Massachusetts August 1**

Exelon said it would take about four months to deactivate the unit. The deactivation is based on economics as the unit is not profitable to run.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/companyNewsAndPR/idUSN1140015320070711>

### **Entergy's 684 MW Pilgrim Nuke Plant in Massachusetts Shut July 11**

The reactor shut due after a main turbine tripped offline.

Reuters, 07:24 July 11, 2007

### **Update: TXU's 600 MW Sandow Coal-fired Unit 5 is Under Construction in Texas Completion Date Still Scheduled for Summer 2009**

Reuters, 13:32 July 11, 2007

### **NIPSCO's 431 MW RM Schahfer Coal-fired Unit 14 in Indiana Shut July 10**

Reuters, 12:45 July 11, 2007

### **NIPSCO's 472 MW RM Schahfer Coal-fired Unit 15 in Indiana Shut July 10**

Reuters, 12:45 July 11, 2007

### **NIPSCO's 361 MW RM Schahfer Coal-fired Unit 17 in Indiana Shut July 10**

Reuters, 12:45 July 11, 2007

### **NIPSCO's 361 MW RM Schahfer Coal-fired Unit 18 in Indiana Shut July 10**

Reuters, 12:45 July 11, 2007

## ***Petroleum***

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### **Colonial Pipeline to Send Ultra-Low-Sulfur Diesel to New Jersey**

Test batches are going to be sent. Prior to this decision, ULSD was transported only as far as Virginia. Colonial has been concerned that moving the fuel from Houston to New Jersey may result in it picking up sulfur along the way and being off specification by the time it gets to its final destination  
Bloomberg News, 11:52 July 11, 2007

### **Update: BP to Restart Crude Unit at 250,000 b/d Whiting Refinery in Indiana this Weekend**

A refinery source reported to Reuters that the crude unit brought down for repairs earlier in the week had only a minor leak which should be repaired quickly.  
Reuters, 11:03 July 11, 2007

### **Update: ExxonMobil in Process of Restarting 26,000 b/d Hydrocracker at 563,000 b/d Baytown Refinery in Texas**

The unit was shutdown on June 24 and was supposed to return in only a few days.  
Reuters, 10:12 and 13:12 July 11, 2007

### **ConocoPhillips Reports Process Upset at 146,000 b/d Borger Refinery in Texas July 10**

The upset took place as the refinery was in the process of restarting its 67,000 b/d FCCU which has been down for maintenance. The company says there will be no impact on production.  
Reuters, 11:15 July 11, 2007

### **Sudan Dar Blend Crude Exports up 70,000 b/d from Earlier in Year**

Sudan's export of Dar Blend crude is up to 230,000 b/d according to a shipping source reported by Reuters. Sudan was exporting about 160,000 b/d of Dar Blend crude earlier in the year due to infrastructure limitations. Total Sudan crude oil exports are about 500,000 b/d.  
Reuters, 05:42 July 11, 2007

## ***Natural Gas***

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### **Sable Island Natural Gas Production Surges More Than 50 Percent since January**

May production at Sable was 495 mcf/day (82,500 boe/d); January production was 320 mcf/day (53,300 boe/d). The increase follows Exxon's efforts to install compression facilities at the main platform off the coast of Nova Scotia, helping draw more gas from below the sea floor. Current production at Sable is nearing the project's peak output of over 500 mcf/day back in 2001 and 2002.

<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/servlet/story/LAC.20070710.REXXON10/TPStory/Business>

## ***Other News***

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Nothing to report.

## Energy Prices

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U.S. Oil and Gas Prices			
July 11, 2007			
	Today	Week Ago	Year Ago
<b>CRUDE OIL</b> <b>West Texas Intermediate U.S.</b> \$/Barrel	72.58	71.34	74.45
<b>NATURAL GAS</b> <b>Henry Hub</b> \$/Million Btu	6.66	6.37	5.51

Source: Reuters

## Energy Notes

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### **Brief Outages in Essex County, New York July 9 & 10 Blamed on Supply Fluctuations; National Grid Forecasting Adequate Power for Summer**

[http://www.pressrepublican.com/0113\\_business/local\\_story\\_191230034.html](http://www.pressrepublican.com/0113_business/local_story_191230034.html)

### **Access to Underground LNG Storage Critical for U.S. LNG Trade**

[http://www.energyintel.com/PublicationHomePage.asp?publication\\_id=10](http://www.energyintel.com/PublicationHomePage.asp?publication_id=10)

### **Cargo Handler Accused of Plotting to Blow up JFK Airport Fuel Tanks and Pipeline Pleads Not Guilty July 11**

<http://www.reuters.com/article/domesticNews/idUSN1139290120070711>

### **Kuwait Oil Minister Says Kuwait has 100 Billion Barrels of Reserves**

Reuters, 09:21 July 11, 2007

### **Update: Two Hostages Working for Shell Oil Released in Nigeria July 11**

Reuters, 10:47 July 11, 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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