



ENERGY ASSURANCE DAILY

Friday, July 14, 2006

Electricity

Reliant's 741 MW Ormond Beach 1 Gas-fired Unit in California Shut July 13

Reuters, 21:32 July 14, 2006

AES' 498 MW Alamitos 5 Gas-fired Unit in California Shut July 13

Reuters, 21:32 July 14, 2006

Mirant's 219 MW Contra Costa 7 Gas-fired Unit in California Shut July 13

Reuters, 21:32 July 14, 2006

NRG's 766 MW Limestone 2 Coal-fired Unit in Texas to Shut July 14

The unit will be shut to fix a boiler tub leak.

Reuters, 07:33 July 14, 2006

Update: SCANA Corp.'s 966 MW Summer Nuke Unit in S. Carolina Back at Full Power July 14

The unit had dropped to 90 percent of power yesterday.

Reuters, 07:14 July 14, 2006

AES' 126 MW Westover Coal-fired Unit in New York May Remain Shut Till Mid-August

AES Westover in New York will remain shut until the end of July or even mid-August due to the destruction caused by a flood on June 28. The shutdown comes at a critical time for the plant during which New York's electricity demand is at its peak.

<http://www.pressconnects.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20060711/NEWS01/607110318/1006>

Power to be Restored at Univ. of Pittsburgh Campus After Outage

Two major underground electrical cables in Oakland failed causing power outage in the most of the University Pittsburgh campus, including university hospitals on Thursday. The power failure was caused by water getting into the conduits that carry the large cables. The University plans to resume normal operations Friday morning.

<http://www.thepittsburghchannel.com/news/9514177/detail.html>

http://www.whptv.com/news/state/story.aspx?content_id=a2655f6f-a92c-4b42-a64c-54a0d8655906&rss=51

Petroleum

Update: Oil Soars Above \$78 Per Barrel on Middle East Crisis in Overnight Trading

Oil hit a record \$78.40 in overnight electronic trading on concerns that the rapidly escalating conflict between Israeli forces and Hizbollah militants in Lebanon would spread to other parts of the Middle East and cause disruptions in oil supplies. Yesterday, Israel said that it had specific information that Hizbollah was planning to move the abducted soldiers to Iran. Also yesterday, Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad warned that an Israeli strike on Syria would be considered an attack on the whole Islamic world that would provoke a "fierce response." Both Iran and Syria back Hizbollah. While Israel, Syria and Lebanon produce no oil, Iran produces about 4 million b/d. Analysts worry that if Iran becomes involved in the conflict, it may cut off its oil exports or attempt to block the Strait of Hormuz, an oil chokepoint through which tankers carry some 16 million b/d. A recent militant attack in Nigeria also put upward pressure on oil prices (see story below).

Reuters, 13:34 and 14:02 July 14, 2006

Bloomberg News, 12:49 July 14, 2006

Chevron Say 40 Nigerian Contract Workers Kidnapped and Released Overnight

Bloomberg News, 06:39 July 14, 2006

Update: PdVSA Says 300,000 b/d Cardon Refinery Unaffected by Accident

According to the company, an accident at an alkylation unit on June 12 injured 3 workers but didn't shut the unit.
Bloomberg News, 10:43 July 14, 2006

Citgo to Sell Only Gasoline from Its Refineries in U.S.: Will Stop Gasoline Shipments to 1,800 U.S. Stations

To save money, by avoiding the need to purchase more than 130,000 b/d of finished gasoline, Citgo Petroleum announced it will only supply gasoline from its own refineries in the U. S. Consequently, it will stop supplying gasoline to about 1,800 located in fourteen states in the Midwest stretching from Texas to the Dakotas. Aside from some short-term logistical problems, the move is not expected to adversely affect the nation's overall fuel supply.
http://kutv.com/topstories/local_story_193161040.html

Natural Gas

Florida Gas Transmission Issues Overage Alert July 14

The alert was issued due to high demand on its natural gas pipeline system. The alert says that shippers must stay within 25 percent of their scheduled volumes.
Reuters, 12:46 July 14, 2006

Other News

Nothing to report.

Energy Prices

U.S. Oil and Gas Prices			
July 14, 2006			
	Today	Week Ago	Year Ago
CRUDE OIL West Texas Intermediate U.S. \$/Barrel	76.80	74.15	57.70
NATURAL GAS Henry Hub \$/Million Btu	6.28	5.52	7.77

Source: Reuters

Energy Notes

Storms Knock Out Power to 20,000 in New Jersey July 13

<http://www.dailyrecord.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20060713/UPDATES01/607130359/1005/NEWS01>

Update: Iraq Yet to Resume Flows to Ceyhan After Shutting Pipeline for Technical Reasons July 6

Reuters, 09:55 July 14, 2006

Prime Minister Wants Canada to Become an 'Energy Superpower'

Reuters, 15:00 July 14, 2006

Petrobras to Boost Net Oil Exports to 800,000 b/d by 2011, Up From 100,000 b/d

Reuters, 08:22 July 14, 2006

Wyoming Looking to Upgrade Power Links to Colorado, Nevada and Other Western States

Reuters, 15:08 July 14, 2006

California ISO Issues a Restricted Maintenance Operations Notice

http://pro.energycentral.com/professional/news/power/news_article.cfm?id=6899745

Ethanol Investment to Grow, Adding 35 New Ethanol Plants in 18 Months

<http://powermarketers.netcontentinc.net/newsreader.asp?ppa=8kowu%5D%5BiqiquwqSThe%7DGJ%7BbfeI%5Dv>

Rhode Island Governor Signs Bill to Block LNG Tank Traffic in Fall River

<http://powermarketers.netcontentinc.net/newsreader.asp?ppa=8knpp%5E%5Biginpqu%5BThe%7DGJ%7BbfeI%5Dv>

Two Midwest Natural Gas Pipelines Request Blanket Certificate Waiver to Serve Ethanol Plants

<http://intelligencepress.com/subscribers/daily/news/d20060714j.html>

Expert Sees Potential for Pressure to Build for Oil and Gas Exploration in Antarctic

http://news.yahoo.com/s/afp/20060713/sc_afp/australiaantarcticaoilenvironment_060713171754;_ylt=AjDwah0Ae4HOV.MqWOJM73uAsnsA;_ylu=X3oDMTBiMW04NW9mBHNIYwMIJVRPUCUI

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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