



# ENERGY ASSURANCE DAILY

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## Electricity

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### **Update: 9,200 Con Edison Customers Still Without Power Sept. 6**

About 9,200 Consolidated Edison customers remained without power in Westchester County, New York today after the remnants of Tropical Storm Ernesto passed through the area over the weekend. According to a company spokesman, nearly half of those outages were caused on Tuesday as weakened trees fell over in the wet soil. Con Ed said that damage from Ernesto was the worst storm damage to hit the utility in 20 years. At the height of the storm, 90,000 customers were without power. The storm also knocked out power to a reservoir in Westchester County and residents of Yonkers were advised to boil water for drinking and cooking on Sunday.

<http://www.topix.net/content/cbs/0152750443409813777942483147780285321438>

<http://powermarketers.net/contentinc.net/newsreader.asp?ppa=8knpp%5E%5Biomovor%5BSig%27%40%3E%20bfe1%5Dv>

### **BPA's DC Intertie Back up Tuesday -- Knocked out Sunday in Accident CA-ISO Lifts Restrictions on Non-Emergency Work 8:00 p.m. PDT Sept. 6**

BPA's DC Intertie that delivers power to California from the Pacific Northwest was knocked out in a farming accident on Sunday. The line returned to service at 5 pm PDT Sept 5. Due to the problem with the DC intertie and the very hot weather, CA-ISO issued the restrictions on non-emergency work for power plants and transmission lines yesterday afternoon. Those restrictions will be lifted this evening.

Reuters, 11:47 September 6, 2006

### **FirstEnergy' 898 MW Davis-Besse Nuke in Ohio Shut Sept. 6**

The unit had to shut due to a problem with the condenser.

Bloomberg News, September 6, 2006

### **EPA Affirms Air Permit for Peabody Energy's 1,500 Coal-fired Prairie State Plant in Indiana**

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Environmental Appeals Board affirmed the plant's air permit, allowing Peabody Energy to move forward with the construction of the project.

[http://pro.energycentral.com/professional/news/power/news\\_article.cfm?id=7114674](http://pro.energycentral.com/professional/news/power/news_article.cfm?id=7114674)

### **Tampa Electric to Install Two 150 MW Gas-fired Peaking Units at Polk Power Station in Florida**

Installation of the turbines will be complete in February 2007. Polk power station's current capacity is 550 MW from a 250 MW integrated coal gasification combined cycle unit and two 150 MW gas-fired peaking units. When the two new units are added, capacity at the plant will boost to 850 MW.

<http://biz.yahoo.com/bizj/060906/1341308.html?.v=1>

### **Duke Energy's 846 MW Oconee Nuke Unit 2 in South Carolina Ramps up to 55 Percent Power Sept. 5**

Reuters, 07:27 September 6, 2006

## ***Petroleum***

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### **ConocoPhillips Shuts 130,000 b/d Oil Field in Alaska for Day Over Weekend to Repair Pipeline**

The problem was with a 3-inch drain line. The line was temporarily repaired with a sleeve.  
Reuters, 12:00 September 6, 2006

### **Shell says Mars Platform Producing 190,000 b/d**

Prior to Katrina, Mars was producing 140,000 b/d. It came back on-line in May 2006 after the damage from Katrina was repaired.  
Reuters, 14:01 September 6, 2006

### **EnCana Considers Building Refinery in Canada to Process Bitumen from Oil Sands**

The refinery would convert bitumen into synthetic crude oil.  
Reuters, 12:02 September 6, 2006

### **Update on BP's Prudhoe Bay Pipelines**

BP says workers continue to inspect its pipelines at Prudhoe Bay and have not found any other sites with corrosion problems.  
Reuters, 10:49 September 6, 2006

### **Update: Traders Say Citgo Cut Crude Runs 15 to 20 Percent at Lake Charles, LA Refinery**

Reuters, 10:27, September 6, 2006

### **Two New Product Pipelines Will Supply U.S. Southwest**

The planned Pacific Texas pipeline, which will carry fuel from New Mexico and Texas to the southern Nevada and Arizona, will have an initial flow of 50,000 b/d. A second new pipeline is being planned by Holly Corp. to move 50,000 b/d of fuel from Salt Lake City to Las Vegas.  
Reuters, 10:18 September 6, 2006

### **Nigerian State Orders Agip to Reopen Oil Wells**

The Bayelsa State government in Nigeria ordered Agip to reopen two of its closed oil wells. A week ago, Agip declared force majeure on 50,000 b/d of its 200,000 b/d Nigerian production due to sabotage on an oil pipeline.  
Reuters, 14:02 September 5, 2006

## ***Natural Gas***

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### **Pipeline Dispute in Kentucky Forces Producers to Shut-in Gas – NGI**

According to a report by NGI's Daily Gas Price Index, a dispute between Atmos Energy and Equitrans, two companies seeking to build new natural gas pipelines in eastern Kentucky, has forced producers to shut in their gas.  
[http://pro.energycentral.com/professional/news/gas/news\\_article.cfm?id=7112861](http://pro.energycentral.com/professional/news/gas/news_article.cfm?id=7112861)

### **Update: Norsk-Hydro's Oseberg South Platform in the North Sea Restarted Overnight**

Reuters, 04:40 September 6, 2006

### **Statoil Says Kviteseid Gas Output in North Sea Back to Normal**

Production of gas and condensate on the Kviteseid field in the North Sea was restarted on Sunday after an electrical fire halted output on Aug. 29 and has returned to normal.  
Reuters, 04:24 September 6, 2006

## Other News

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### Nebraska's Two Nuke Plants Expanding Used-fuel Storage Capacity

Nebraska Public Power District and Omaha Public Power District are both planning to expand nuclear waste storage capacity at their nuclear power plants in Nebraska. The expansion is already underway at OPPD's Fort Calhoun plant and work at NPPD's Copper plant is a few years away.

<http://www.siouxcityjournal.com/articles/2006/09/04/news/nebraska/d49f5f5ce09fd75b862571df0011b062.txt>

## Energy Prices

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U.S. Oil and Gas Prices			
September 6, 2006			
	Today	Week Ago	Year Ago
<b>CRUDE OIL</b> West Texas Intermediate U.S. \$/Barrel	67.70	70.00	65.83
<b>NATURAL GAS</b> Henry Hub \$/Million Btu	5.70	6.40	11.56

Source: Reuters

## Energy Notes

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### EPA to Release Final Proposal for Implementing Renewable Fuel Standard Sept. 7

<http://www.platts.com/Oil/News/7694508.xml?p=Oil/News&sub=Oil>

### Chevron Canada Moving Forward With Ells River Oil Sands Project in Alberta, Could Produce 100,000 b/d Within 10 Years

<http://www.platts.com/Oil/News/7692447.xml?p=Oil/News&sub=Oil>

### Colorado State University Cuts 2006 Atlantic Forecast Again

<http://powermarketers.net/contentinc.net/newsreader.asp?ppa=8kowu%5D%5Bionmrsx%5BSig%27%40%3E%20bfe1%5Dv>

## 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>

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