



ENERGY ASSURANCE DAILY

Wednesday Evening, October 10, 2007

Electricity

OPG's 490 MW Nanticoke Coal-fired Unit 7 in Ontario Shut October 10

Restart date is expected to be October 11, 2007.

Reuters, 08:36 October 10, 2007

TXU's 575 MW Big Brown Coal-fired Unit 1 in Texas Trips October 9

According to a report filed with state regulators, a problem with a booster fan caused the boiler to trip at about 5 p.m. local time. The boiler was restarted about an hour later and the unit was expected to return to service as soon as minimum operating temperatures were reached.

<http://www2.tceq.state.tx.us/eer/main/index.cfm?fuseaction=getDetails&target=98499>

Update: Entergy's 1,158 MW Waterford Nuke-fired Unit in Louisiana Shut October 9

Restart date is expected to be October 15, 2007.

Reuters, 08:43 October 10, 2007

Complete's 260 MW La Paloma Gas-fired Unit 4 in California Shut October 9

Restart date is unknown.

Bloomberg New, 22:54 October 9, 2007

Reuters, 08:43 October 10, 2007

Petroleum

ConocoPhillips's Is Running Sweeter Crude at its 223,000 b/d Sweeny, Texas Refinery

According to a filing with the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, ConocoPhillips is running more sweet crude at its Sweeny, Texas refinery due to unplanned maintenance at the D-104 coke drum.

Reuters, 16:52 October 9, 2007

Bloomberg News, 20:48 October 9, 2007

Total Shuts Desulfurization Unit at its 232,000 b/d Port Arthur, Texas Refinery October 10

According to a filing with state regulators, Total shut Port Arthur's desulfurization unit for maintenance work. It is expected to restart on October 25th.

Bloomberg News, 02:56 October 10, 2007

Reuters, 09:14 October 10, 2007

ExxonMobil's Gofiner at its 563,000 b/d Baytown, Texas Refinery Back at Normal Rates October 10

ExxonMobil Corp says that the gofiner at its Baytown refinery is back at normal rates after a brief shutdown overnight. The gofiner desulfurizes heavy feed stocks ahead of feeding the gasoline-making catalytic cracking unit.

A company spokesman said that ExxonMobil has made up lost production and all its customers' needs are met.

Reuters, 09:11 October 10, 2007

Update: Chevron Expects Repairs to Take a Few Months at its 325,000 b/d Pascagoula, Mississippi Refinery

Chevron Corp announced today that it expects the repairs to the fire-damaged crude unit at its Pascagoula refinery to take several months. Most of the damage to the refinery was confined to its Number 2 unit after a fire on August 16. Reuters, 11:13 October 10, 2007

Update: Restart Expected Later Today at Hess’s 65,000 b/d Port Reading, New Jersey Refinery October 10

Hess Corp. said it expects to restore operations at its Port Reading refinery later today after a damaged compressor forced the plant’s shutdown on October 8th. Bloomberg News, 14:59 October 10, 2007

Alon Reports Flaring at its 75,000 b/d Big Spring, Texas Refinery October 10

According to a filing with state regulators, Alon USA Energy Inc. reported flaring at its Big Spring refinery as part of a plan to repair the corroded piping at an acid gas port. The flaring is to last ten hours. Bloomberg News, 04:04 October 10, 2007

Workers Repair Flange on 233 Benzene Recovery Unit at Basell’s 287,000 b/d Houston, Texas Refinery October 9

OPIS Alert, 03:13 October 10, 2007
<http://www2.tceq.state.tx.us/eer/main/index.cfm?fuseaction=getDetails&target=98517>

BP Cuts Production by 30,000 b/d Following October 6 Fire at Prudhoe Bay

BP Plc cut oil output on Alaska’s North Slope by 30,000 b/d after the October 6th fire at Gathering Center 2, known as GC-2 in Prudhoe Bay. A company spokesman said the damage caused by the fire will take two weeks to repair. Bloomberg News, 08:57 October 10, 2007

Natural Gas

NGAS and Seminole Gas to Construct Natural Gas Facilities in Tennessee and Kentucky

On October 9, NGAS Resources, Inc. and Seminole Gas Company, LLC, announced plans to construct a natural gas processing plant near Rogersville, Tennessee, and a separate natural gas treatment facility in Christian County, Kentucky. The facilities will be jointly owned by the two companies. Completion of both facilities is anticipated by the end of this year.

<http://www.ngas.com/downloads/NGAS%20and%20Seminole%20to%20Build%20Processing%20Plant.pdf>

Other News

Nothing to report.

Energy Prices

U.S. Oil and Gas Prices			
October 10, 2007			
	Today	Week Ago	Year Ago
CRUDE OIL			
West Texas Intermediate U.S.	81.30	79.97	58.50
\$/Barrel			
NATURAL GAS			
Henry Hub	6.79	6.96	5.16
\$/Million Btu			

Source: Reuters

More than 17,000 PG&E Customers in Bay Area Lose Power October 9

<http://www.foxreno.com/news/14310975/detail.html>

12,000 Northern Virginia Electric Cooperative Customers Lose Power October 9

http://www.potomacnews.com/servlet/Satellite?pagename=WPN%2FEMGArticle%2FWPN_BasicArticle&c=MGArticle&cid=1173353059406&path=

14,000 SoCal Edison Customers Lose Power When Thieves Steal Copper Wire in Hesperia California October 9

<http://abclocal.go.com/kabc/story?section=local&id=5699394>

November Crude Oil Loadings from StatoilHydro's Oseberg Field in North Sea Set to Drop by 20,000 b/d

<http://www.platts.com/Oil/News/8291630.xml?p=Oil/News&sub=Oil>

Hot Weather Boosts Demand to October Record for Consumers Energy in Michigan October 9

<http://biz.yahoo.com/prnews/071009/cltu133.html?.v=31>

Update: Bobcat Storage Begins Open Season for Storage Expansion Project in St. Landry Parish, Louisiana

<http://www.bobcatstorage.com/en/rel/?13>

Following Sleeping Guard Incidents, NRC Report Faults Exelon's Handling of Security at its Peach Bottom Nuke Plant in Pennsylvania

<http://www.wgal.com/news/14299224/detail.html?subid=10100841>

<http://www.platts.com/Nuclear/News/7694169.xml?p=Nuclear/News&sub=Nuclear>

Update: Venezuelan National Assemble Publishes Law Extinguishing Orinoco Claims of ConocoPhillips and ExxonMobil: Talks with Oil Ministry Continuing

<http://www.platts.com/Oil/News/6514421.xml?p=Oil/News&sub=Oil>

Update: Chevron's Gorgon LNG Project in Australia Receives Environmental Approval from Australian Government

Reuters, 03:50 October 10, 2007

Refinery Problems in Venezuela Lead to Restricted Fuel Supplies and Long Gasoline Lines October 10

Reuters, 10:56 October 10, 2007

National Research Council Reports Ethanol Rush Could Harm Water Supplies October 10

Reuters, 11:23 October 10, 2007

Benefuel Inc. Announces Intention to Build World's First Industrial-Scale Biodiesel Refinery in Indiana Converting Low-Grade Fats and Vegetable Oils into Biodiesel October 10

Reuters, 08:04 October 10, 2007

Iraq Stops Kirkuk Oil Flow to Turkey Through Northern Pipeline, Expects Restart on Thursday

Reuters, 05:17 October 10, 2007

New Jersey Governor Proposes State-Run Authority to Develop New Power Plants

Bloomberg News, 08:40 October 10, 2007

Tritium Found in Well at Duke Energy's Catawba South Carolina Nuclear Plant

Bloomberg News, 10:22 October 10, 2007

Links

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

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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