



# ENERGY ASSURANCE DAILY

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## **Electricity**

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### **Over 30,000 Customers Lose Power in Colorado October 26, 2006**

Most of these are Xcel Energy customers in the Denver area, but 2,500 Xcel customers in Greeley and about 2,000 Colorado Springs Utilities customers also lost power.

[http://www.usatoday.com/weather/storms/2006-10-26-colorado-blizzard\\_x.htm?csp=34](http://www.usatoday.com/weather/storms/2006-10-26-colorado-blizzard_x.htm?csp=34)

<http://www.gazette.com/display.php?id=1325760>

<http://www.greeleytrib.com/article/20061026/NEWS/61026002/-1/rss02>

### **Tinker Air Force Base One of 13,000 Customers Lost Power in Oklahoma October 25**

Tinker Air Force Base was one of 13,000 customers of Oklahoma Gas & Electric that briefly lost power on October 25. In addition to the base, the outage affected Midwest City. According to the company, power was restored to customers within 30 minutes.

[http://news.yahoo.com/s/koco/20061026/lo\\_koco/10155134](http://news.yahoo.com/s/koco/20061026/lo_koco/10155134)

### **Pueblo County Approves Permit for 345kV Transmission Line in Colorado October 24**

[http://pro.energycentral.com/professional/news/power/news\\_article.cfm?id=7325223](http://pro.energycentral.com/professional/news/power/news_article.cfm?id=7325223)

### **Update: Peabody Begins Development for 1,600 MW Coal-fired Plant in Illinois**

On October 24, Peabody Energy Corporation announced that site development had begun on its 1,600 MW Prairie State Energy plant.

[http://pro.energycentral.com/professional/news/power/news\\_article.cfm?id=7326522](http://pro.energycentral.com/professional/news/power/news_article.cfm?id=7326522)

### **NRC to Undertake Three Year Study on Consequences of a Major Radiation Release**

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission is preparing to undertake a three year study to examine the impact of a major release of radiation at any of 63 nuclear plants around the country. The study will detail what contaminants would be released, how the contaminants could disperse, and how people would be affected, including how many would be killed.

<http://powermarketers.net/contentinc.net/newsreader.asp?ppa=8knpp%5E%5BjmpljtwXUkg%23%3A%40%24bfe1%5Dv>

### **OPG's 490 MW Nanticoke Coal-fired Unit 2 in Ontario Shut October 26**

OPG shut the unit for short term work. Reuter's reports that the unit is expected to be back on line by November 2. Reuters, 10:25 & 14:08 October 26, 2006

### **TVA's 977 MW Paradise Coal-fired Unit 3 in Kentucky Shut October 26**

Reuters, 10:25 October 26, 2006

### **TXU's 1,150 MW Comanche Peak Nuke Unit 2 in Texas Ramped Back up October 26**

Reuters, 10:25 October 26, 2006

### **LCRA's 598 MW Fayette Coal-fired Unit 1 in Texas Restarted October 26**

Reuters, 10:25 October 26, 2006

### **Mirant's 206 MW Potero Gas-fired Unit 3 in California Shut October 25**

Reuters, 10:25 October 26, 2006

## **AEP Plans to Complete Replacement of 4-Mile Section of Lon Hill-Edinburg 345 kV Transmission Line in Texas October 26**

Reuters, 19:23 October 25, 2006

## **CL&P Energizes New 21-Mile 345 kV Power Transmission Line in Connecticut October 12**

Reuters, 11:13, October 26, 2006

## **Update: Entergy's 968 MW River Bend Nuke in Louisiana Ramped Up to 76 Percent October 25**

Entergy Corporation's 968-megawatt River Bend nuclear power station in Louisiana ramped up from 17 percent October 23 to 55 percent of capacity by early October 24 to 76 percent of capacity by early October 25. The unit automatically shut on October 19 when two feed-water tubes were activated inadvertently during routine maintenance in the control room.

Reuters, 07:06 October 24, 2006

Reuters, 19:23 October 25, 2006

## ***Petroleum***

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### **Update: Shell Unlikely to Restore Nigerian Output This Year**

Shell announced its production in Nigeria in the third quarter was 185,000 barrels a day lower than last year. Shell could not predict when it could safely resume production. A total of 500,000 bpd of foreign oil company production is off-line in Nigeria due to violence according to Bloomberg News.

Bloomberg News, 08:55 October 26, 2006

### **Update: Shell's Shut In Production from Latest Strife in Nigerian Totals 140,000 b/d**

Following the attacks on three of its facilities in Nigeria, Shell, has been forced to shut-in production of approximately 140,000 b/d of its Bonny Light crude oil.

<http://www.platts.com/Oil/News/8704913.xml?p=Oil/News&sub=Oil>

### **Venezuela Says Distillation Unit at 640,000 bpd Amuay Refinery Back up Unit Shut Due to Fire in July**

Reuters, 10:59 October 26, 2006

### **Venezuela Oil Minister Announces Foreign Oil Companies Drilling for Oil in Orinoco Belt Must be Controlled by Caracas by End of Year**

Reuters, 10:53 October 26, 2006

### **U.S. Crude Supply Recovering from LOOP's 71-hour Outage Last Week**

Officials at the Louisiana Offshore Oil Port (LOOP), which handles an average of 900,000 bpd of foreign crude imports, said Wednesday the facility had been shut for 71 hours last week due to inclement weather.

Reuters, 10:03 October 26, 2006

## ***Natural Gas***

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### **Review of Natural Gas Production Data Reveals Slowing of Production Decline**

NGI's Daily Gas Price Index cites a review of offshore and state-by-state production data for natural gas indicating that the production decline appears to be slowing and that production is likely to remain flat over the course of the next year or two.

<http://intelligencepress.com/>

### **Natural Gas Pipeline Co. Seeks FERC Approval for Pipeline Expansion in Louisiana**

The Natural Gas Pipeline Co. of America has filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) for permission to expand their Louisiana Line by 200,000 Dt/d.

<http://www.platts.com/Natural%20Gas/News/6308479.xml?sub=NaturalGas&p=NaturalGas/News&>

## **Columbia Gas Transmission Seeks FERC Approval for Natural Gas Pipeline and Storage Expansion in West Virginia and Ohio**

Columbia Gas Transmission has filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) for permission to expand their natural gas pipeline and underground gas storage systems in West Virginia and Ohio. The company anticipates final approval by the end of 2007 and to begin construction in April of 2008.

<http://www.wvva.com/News/index.php?ID=7167>

## **Other News**

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### **Shortage of Tires Causes Canadian Coal Mining Operation to Trim Output by 2 Million Tons This Year**

The big tires needed for large-scale mining equipment are in such short supply world-wide that they are being allocated. One consequence of that is that the Elk Valley Coal Partnership in Canada has reduced its projected 2006 output to 25 million tons, a reduction of 2 million tons from its initial expectation for the year. Fording Coal Trust, holding a majority interest in the Elk Valley operations initially warned of the impact of the tire shortage in December of 2005 and at that time announced that its 2005 production had been trimmed by one million tons.

<http://www.platts.com/Coal/News/6308659.xml?p=Coal/News&sub=Coal>

Reuters, 18:01 December 7, 2005

## **Energy Prices**

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<b>U.S. Oil and Gas Prices</b>			
October 26, 2006			
	<b>Today</b>	<b>Week Ago</b>	<b>Year Ago</b>
<b>CRUDE OIL</b> <b>West Texas Intermediate U.S.</b> \$/Barrel	57.95	58.85	62.83
<b>NATURAL GAS</b> <b>Henry Hub</b> \$/Million Btu	7.51	6.77	14.68

Source: Reuters

## **Energy Notes**

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### **13,000 Connecticut Light & Power Customers Lost Power October 26 –**

#### **CL&P has Restored Power to All Customers**

<http://www.wtnh.com/global/story.asp?s=5595038>

### **BP on Track to have Prudhoe Bay to TAPS Bypass Lines Completed by End of October**

[http://www.rigzone.com/news/article.asp?a\\_id=37519](http://www.rigzone.com/news/article.asp?a_id=37519)

### **Increased Weight of Average Person Equates to Over 22 Million Barrels of Gasoline per Year in the U.S. – University of Illinois Study**

<http://www.latimes.com/business/la-fi-fatgas25oct25,1,3999962.story?coll=la-headlines-business>

### **Oil Distribution Warehouse Burns in Council Bluffs, Iowa October 25**

<http://www.newsday.com/news/nationworld/wire/sns-ap-oil-company-fire,0,7134693.story?coll=sns-ap-nationworld-headlines>

## WV State Supreme Court Declines to Reconsider Approval of Proposed Power Plant in Monongalia County

[http://pro.energycentral.com/professional/news/power/news\\_article.cfm?id=7326772](http://pro.energycentral.com/professional/news/power/news_article.cfm?id=7326772)

### 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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