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Electricity

Entergy's 1,207 MW Grand Gulf Nuclear Unit 1 in Mississippi Reduced to 70 Percent by November 5

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission reported that on the morning of November 4 the unit was operating at full power.

Information derived from the NRC Power Reactor Status Reports:

<http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/event-status/reactor-status/2010/>

NMC's 578 MW Monticello Nuclear Unit in Minnesota Reduced to 50 Percent by November 5

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission reported that on the morning of November 4 the unit was operating at 94 percent.

Information derived from the NRC Power Reactor Status Reports:

<http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/event-status/reactor-status/2010/>

NMC's 522 MW Prairie Island Nuclear Unit 1 in Minnesota Reduced to 47 Percent by November 5

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission reported that on the morning of November 4 the unit was operating at full power.

Information derived from the NRC Power Reactor Status Reports:

<http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/event-status/reactor-status/2010/>

NPPD's 764 MW Cooper Nuclear Unit in Nebraska Reduced to 75 Percent by November 5

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission reported that on the morning of November 4 the unit was operating at full power.

Information derived from the NRC Power Reactor Status Reports:

<http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/event-status/reactor-status/2010/>

Dominion's 511 MW Kewaunee Nuclear Unit in Wisconsin Reduced to 65 Percent by November 5

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission reported that on the morning of November 4 the unit was operating at full power.

Information derived from the NRC Power Reactor Status Reports:

<http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/event-status/reactor-status/2010/>

AEP to Shut 528 MW Welsh Coal-Fired Unit 1 in Texas November 5-14

American Electric Power (AEP) expected to shut the unit on November 5-14, it said in a filing with state regulators. It was not clear why the unit was going offline or when the company expected to resume service.

<http://www11.tceq.state.tx.us/oc/eer/index.cfm?fuseaction=main.getDetails&target=145137>

Ridgeline Energy, BP Wind Energy Begin Full Operations at 124.5 MW Goshen North Wind Farm in Idaho by November 5

http://www.nawindpower.com/e107_plugins/content/content.php?content.6838

Update: Tesoro to Resume Normal Rates at 120,000 b/d Anacortes, Washington Refinery by End of Next Week: CEO

The facility shut after a fatal explosion in April.
DJN, 11:40 November 5, 2010

Tesoro Expects to Reduce Rates at California Refineries by 26,000-to-36,000 b/d, Combined, during Fourth Quarter 2010

Tesoro began working on conversion units at its 166,000 b/d Martinez, California refinery by November 5, and the company expects its two California refineries – the Martinez facility and the 100,000 b/d Wilmington plant – to operate at 26,000-to-36,000 b/d below capacity, combined, during the fourth quarter of 2010.
<http://www.reuters.com/article/idUSWEN265120101105>

Unit Shutdown Triggers Flaring at Tesoro's 100,000 b/d Wilmington, California Refinery November 4

A process unit shut for unscheduled reasons on November 4, leading to flaring at Tesoro's 100,000 b/d Wilmington, California refinery, the company said in a filing with state regulators. The filing did not say which unit was affected or whether the incident had any impact on production. Trade and industry sources, however, said a hydrocracking unit had shut.

<http://www.oes.ca.gov/Operational/MALHaz.nsf/f1841a103c102734882563e200760c4a/84aa25f82dae408d882577d100834c18?OpenDocument>

Reuters, 21:02 November 4, 2010

Reuters, 11:51 November 5, 2010

Alon Shuts 40,000 b/d Long Beach, California Refinery due to Market Conditions: Trade Sources

Alon shut its 40,000 b/d Long Beach, California refinery due to weak market conditions, and also reduced rates at its 38,000 b/d Paramount, California refinery, trade sources said on November 4. Long Beach, prior to the shutdown, had largely supplied intermediate feedstocks to the Paramount facility and other area refineries.

<http://af.reuters.com/article/energyOilNews/idAFWEN258720101104>

Europe Exports less Gasoline to United States, Imports More Diesel amid Workers' Strikes in October 2010

Only 10 tankers were chartered to deliver motor fuel from Europe to the U.S. Atlantic Coast in October 2010, compared to 28 in September 2010, as French workers' strikes – and subsequent product shortages – reduced the profitability of exporting fuel to the United States. The strikes, conversely, increased the profitability of exporting fuel to Europe. The United States exported 456,000 tons of diesel to Europe in October, compared to 348,000 tons in September.

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<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2010-11-05/gasoline-exports-to-the-u-s-sink-on-20-month-low-margins-energy-markets.html>

Update: Abu Dhabi to Increase Oil Production by 360,000 b/d by 2014

Abu Dhabi National Oil Company produces 2.5 million b/d, at present. It plans to produce 3.5 million b/d by 2017.

http://www.steelguru.com/middle_east_news/ADNOC_to_invest_USD_60_billion_over_10_years/173598.html

<http://www.energyintel.com/#latest>

Natural Gas

Chesapeake to Increase U.S. Oil and NGL Production to 250,000 b/d by End of 2015, Compared to about 50,000 b/d in Third Quarter 2010

Chesapeake Energy plans to increase its oil and natural gas liquids (NGL) production to more than 150,000 b/d by the end of 2012 and to more than 250,000 b/d by the end of 2015, compared to 49,272 b/d during the third quarter of 2010, the company said on November 3. The 150,000 b/d figure would account for 20-25 percent of the company's total production, and the 250,000 b/d figure would account for 25-30 percent of its total production.

<http://www.chk.com/News/Articles/Pages/1491351.aspx>

http://www.rigzone.com/news/article.asp?a_id=100950

Other News

AE Biofuels Hopes to Restart Cilion-Owned, 55 MMGal/Yr. Ethanol Plant in Keyes, California in early 2011

AE Biofuels hopes to restart the Cilion-owned plant during the first quarter of 2011, or nearly one year later than previously scheduled. Cilion opened the facility in 2008, but shut it shortly thereafter due to technical issues and weak market conditions. AE Biofuels plans to process grain, corn and other materials.

http://www.aebiofuels.com/keyes_plant_12.02.09.php

<http://www.modbee.com/2010/11/04/1415104/keyes-plant-gets-45m-in-financing.html>

<http://www.modbee.com/ag/story/1018128.html>

<http://www.centralvalleybusinesstimes.com/stories/001/?ID=14194>

Update: South Heart Coal LLC Re-Files Plans for 2.4 Million Tons/Year Coal Mine in North Dakota

South Heart Coal LLC re-filed in late-October its plans to develop a 2.4 million tons/year coal mine near South Heart, North Dakota. The move came about six months after the state's Public Service Commission (PSC) identified 37 deficiencies in the company's previous application. South Heart, owned by Great Northern Project Development and Allied Syngas Corp., aims to produce about 130,000 tons of coal in 2014, a bit more than 900,000 tons in 2015, and approximately 2.4 million tons/year thereafter.

<http://www.thedickinsonpress.com/event/article/id/41575/>

Update: After MSHA Lawsuit, Massey Considers Idling Coal Mine in Kentucky

Massey Energy Company is considering whether to idle its Freedom Energy Mine No. 1 in Kentucky until it can ensure that the mine meets current Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) standards, the company said on November 3. The MSHA recently filed a lawsuit that could force the company to shut the mine. Massey does not believe the mine is unsafe, but acknowledges that the operation has had problems complying with newer standards.

<http://phx.corporate-ir.net/phoenix.zhtml?c=102864&p=irol-newsArticle&ID=1491483&highlight=>

Energy Prices

U.S. Oil and Gas Prices			
November 5, 2010			
	Today	Week Ago	Year Ago
CRUDE OIL			
West Texas Intermediate U.S.	86.44	81.04	79.64
\$/Barrel			
NATURAL GAS			
Henry Hub	3.53	3.36	4.49
\$/Million Btu			

Source: Reuters

Transmission Line Issue Knocks Out Power to 11,612 National Grid Customers in New York November 4 – Company Reports Only Scattered Outages, as of Latest Reports

<http://www.9wsyr.com/news/local/story/Power-restored-after-outages-in-three-counties/8LHU3ZWTMEiOIMyWixLYzQ.csp>

<http://www1.nationalgridus.com/niagaramohawk/stormcenter/>

Interior Secretary Salazar Approves NextEra Energy's Proposed 250 MW Genesis Solar Project in California November 4

<http://www.doi.gov/news/pressreleases/Secretary-Salazar-Approves-Seventh-Large-Scale-Solar-Energy-Project-on-US-Public-Lands.cfm>

PATCO to Purchase Some Electricity from Peco Energy for Commuter Train System in Pennsylvania, Citing Reliability Issues Under Existing Purchase Agreement with PSE&G in New Jersey

http://www.philly.com/inquirer/local/nj/20101104_Power_shift_PATCO_to_buy_some_electricity_from_Peco.htm

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Citgo Reports Storage Tank Spill at 163,000 b/d Corpus Christi, Texas Refinery November 4 – Company Adds Foam to Spilled Material, Initiates Cleanup Measures

<http://www11.tceq.state.tx.us/oc/eer/index.cfm?fuseaction=main.getDetails&target=147032>

Washington Department of Ecology Says ConocoPhillips's Ferndale Refinery Failed to Properly Report Diesel Fuel Spill on October 27, Causing Delay of Several Hours in Department's Response

<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/news/2010news/2010-293.html>

PG&E Conducts Controlled Natural Gas Release in Palo Alto, California, but Does Not Properly Alert City of Work – Incident Leads to Local Evacuations

http://www.mercurynews.com/peninsula/ci_16517538

Methane Gas Forces MSHA Investigators to Evacuate Massey Energy's Upper Big Branch Coal Mine in West Virginia November 1 – Investigation Ongoing into Fatal April Explosion

<http://www.foxnews.com/us/2010/11/03/methane-forces-investigators-west-virginia/>

Federal Appeals Board Rejects Environmentalists' Bid to Postpone Lease Sales for Foundation Coal's Belle Ayr Coal Mine and Peabody Group's Caballo Coal Mine in Wyoming

<http://www.businessweek.com/ap/financialnews/D9J9ANL80.htm>

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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