



# ENERGY ASSURANCE DAILY

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## Electricity

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### **Update: Thousands of Customers Still Without Power in New England and Canada**

About 85 percent of customers who lost power in the aftermath of Hurricane Noel have been reconnected. 25,000 homes and businesses still without power primarily in Maine and Nova Scotia. Bangor Hydro reported only 345 customer outages in Maine as of 3 p.m. November 5, down from a peak of nearly 9,000 on the morning of November 3 with Hancock County being the hardest hit. In Nova Scotia, some 13,000 Nova Scotia Power customers were without power as of 10 p.m. November 5.

<http://bangornews.com/news/t/news.aspx?articleid=156220&zoneid=500>

<http://www.presstv.ir/detail.aspx?id=30021&sectionid=351020701>

<http://thechronicleherald.ca/Front/976766.html>

### **Entergy's 813 MW FitzPatrick Nuke Unit in New York Shut November 6**

The unit was shut for valve repair.

Reuters, 09:26 November 6, 2007

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

<http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/event-status/reactor-status/2007/20071105ps.html>

### **Dynegy's 510 MW Moss Landing Gas-fired Unit 1 in California Reduced November 5**

According to a report issued by the California Independent Service Operator, the unit was reduced to 250 MW.

<http://www.caiso.com/unitstatus/data/unitstatus200711051515.html>

### **Update: Tampa Electric Terminates Plans for Proposed 630 MW Coal-fired Plant in Pursuit of Natural-Gas Alternative**

Citing concerns about the facility's economic feasibility and its impact on global warming, Tampa Electric terminated plans to construct a 630 MW coal-fired power plant. Florida regulators were going to require Tampa Electric to capture the plant's carbon dioxide emissions, which would have significantly increased the cost of the project. Now, Tampa Electric will likely build new natural gas-fired plants instead.

Bloomberg News, 09:35 November 6, 2007

### **Idaho Power Rejects 250 MW of New Coal-fired Power, Plans to Pursue Cleaner Alternatives Instead**

Idaho Power, the state's largest utility, said in a filing with the SEC that escalating costs, permit issues and greenhouse-gas emission concerns led to its decision to abandon plans to add 250 MW of coal-fired generation by 2013. Instead, Idaho Power plans to get the power from a variety of sources including natural gas, geothermal and wind.

[http://www.montanasnewsstation.com/Global/story.asp?S=7303784&nav=menu227\\_7](http://www.montanasnewsstation.com/Global/story.asp?S=7303784&nav=menu227_7)

### **Ausra Inc. Seeks Certification for Proposed 177 MW Solar-Thermal Plant in California**

Ausra has filed an application for the certification of a proposed 177 MW solar plant with the California Energy Commission (CEC). The project is to be located in San Luis Obispo County, and is expected to begin generating power in 2010.

<http://www.ausra.com/news/releases/071105.html>

## ***Petroleum***

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### **Eastern Canadian Refineries Unaffected by Remnants of Hurricane Noel**

Reports from refineries in eastern Canada indicate that operations were unaffected by the passage of remnants of Hurricane Noel. Representatives at Irving's 300,000 b/d Saint John refinery in New Brunswick, Imperial's 89,000 b/d Dartmouth refinery in Nova Scotia and Harvest Energy's 115,000 b/d North Atlantic refinery in Newfoundland all said their refineries were unaffected and operating normally.

[http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=20601082&sid=a2xCBROOA\\_Lg&refer=canada](http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=20601082&sid=a2xCBROOA_Lg&refer=canada)

### **Tammany Oil and Gas Pipeline Leaks 2,000 Gallons of Crude into Gulf of Mexico, Cleanup Underway**

The oil leak, offshore of McFaddin Beach in southeast Texas, was detected the morning of November 5. Cleanup vessels are collecting oil and divers were scheduled to secure the leaking pipeline this morning, the Coast Guard reported. Pressure has been secured on the pipeline and the current discharge rate is minimal. The cause of the leak is still under investigation.

<http://www.chron.com/dispatch/story.mpl/headline/metro/5276349.html>

<http://www.chron.com/dispatch/story.mpl/ap/tx/5275858.html>

### **ConocoPhillips and BP Shutting Some North Sea Production Due to Approaching Storm**

ConocoPhillips said today that it started a plan to shut down five of its 16 oil platforms in the North Sea due to an approaching storm. The company is evacuating about 600 of its 1,400 offshore employees. In addition, BP announced that it is shutting in 80,000 b/d of its North Sea production. The storm is anticipated to reach maximum strength during night of November 8. Operations will return to normal when weather conditions allow.

Reuters, 09:44 November 6, 2007

Bloomberg News, 12:21 November 6, 2007

### **BP Reports Brief Compressor Outage at its 470,000 b/d Texas City, Texas Refinery**

BP said it restarted a compressor at its Texas City, Texas refinery after an automatic shutdown of the unit that lasted about 10 minutes.

Bloomberg News, 12:03 November 6, 2007

## ***Natural Gas***

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### **Update: U.S. Coast Guard Temporarily Suspends Environmental Review of NorthernStar Natural Gas's LNG Terminal Offshore California**

The U.S. Coast Guard momentarily suspended the environmental review process of NorthernStar's proposed project which calls for the conversion of Platform Grace, an oil platform located offshore of Ventura California, into an LNG receiving station. The USCG is asking for answers to over 400 safety and environmental questions before restarting the accelerated environmental review.

<http://www.venturacountystar.com/news/2007/nov/03/lng-plan-suspended/>

### **Northern Natural Gas Co. Shuts Portion of Oklahoma Pipeline for Repairs**

Northern's Perryton Barlow compressor station on November 3 was shut for repair work that will last until November 21.

[http://www.northernnaturalgas.com/infopostings/asp/noticesCritical.asp?id\\_priority=Y&InetNoticeType=7&dt\\_posted\\_from=Nov++6+2007+12%3A46PM+&dt\\_posted\\_to=Nov++6+2007+12%3A46PM+#37815](http://www.northernnaturalgas.com/infopostings/asp/noticesCritical.asp?id_priority=Y&InetNoticeType=7&dt_posted_from=Nov++6+2007+12%3A46PM+&dt_posted_to=Nov++6+2007+12%3A46PM+#37815)

### **ETC Texas LP Pipeline Leaks in Guadalupe County, Texas November 5**

According to a report filed with state regulators, a relief valve failed and resulted in a release of natural gas.

<http://www2.tceq.state.tx.us/ee/main/index.cfm?fuseaction=getDetails&target=99685>

### **SRU Shut at Duke Energy's Cayanosa Gas Processing Plant in Texas**

According to a report filed with state regulators, the sulfur recovery unit is down due to a boiler tube leak. Acidic gas was flared as a result.

<http://www2.tceq.state.tx.us/ee/main/index.cfm?fuseaction=getDetails&target=99667>

## Other News

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Nothing to report.

## Energy Prices

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<b>U.S. Oil and Gas Prices</b>			
November 6, 2007			
	<b>Today</b>	<b>Week Ago</b>	<b>Year Ago</b>
<b>CRUDE OIL</b> <b>West Texas Intermediate U.S.</b> \$/Barrel	96.80	90.33	60.06
<b>NATURAL GAS</b> <b>Henry Hub</b> \$/Million Btu	6.71	6.99	7.50

Source: Reuters

## Energy Notes

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### **4,700 Customers Still Without Power in Tennessee November 5, Down From 10,000 Customers Out at Height of Storm**

<http://www.wkrn.com/nashville/news/thousands-still-without-power-after-storms/127196.htm>

### **Technical Problems at a Switching Station Cause 15,000 SaskPower Customers to Lose Power in Yorkton, Canada November 6**

<http://www.canada.com/reginaleaderpost/news/story.html?id=212bea27-2840-40c9-82cc-52532d3a3e4a>

### **U.S. Diesel Fuel Hits Record \$3.30 a Gallon Due to Refiners Passing on Higher Crude Oil Costs - EIA**

Reuters, 15:44 November 5, 2007

### **FERC Announces Outline for November 16 Conference on its Implementation and Enforcement of The Energy Policy Act of 2005**

<http://www.ferc.gov/EventCalendar/Files/20071004090205-AD07-1311-000TC.pdf>

### **Marathon Considers Building an Ethanol Storage Terminal in Nashville, Tennessee**

OPIS Alert, 02:51 November 2, 2007

### **Preparedness Drill Scheduled at Xcel's Monticello Nuclear Plant in Minnesota**

<http://wkb.com/Global/story.asp?S=7312233>

### **World Oil Demand Growth in Q4 2007 to be 400,000 b/d Higher than Previously Forecasted, Total Demand Estimated at 87.45 M b/d- EIA**

Reuters, 10:55 November 6, 2007

### **Yemen Repairs Bombed Crude Oil Pipeline**

Reuters, 03:35 November 6, 2007

## 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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