



# ENERGY ASSURANCE DAILY

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## *Electricity*

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### **Update: Illinois Commerce Commission Warned Ameren of the Problems Last Year**

Ameren Corp. experienced two massive power outages in July and November/December of this year, affecting hundreds of thousands of homes and businesses in Missouri and Illinois. Although Ameren executives said these power outages could not have been prevented, the St. Louis-Post Dispatch reports that the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) had warned Ameren last year of just such possibility. An engineer with the ICC said the company's tree-trimming program did not meet state standards, and the ICC's annual report warned that the shortfall in tree trimming could cause extended power outages after a storm. The ICC is currently investigating Ameren's preparation and response to November's ice storm.

<http://www.sj-r.com/sections/news/stories/102669.asp#>

<http://www.montereyherald.com/mld/montereyherald/business/16210023.htm>

### **Copper Wire Thefts Delay Power Restoration in Washington**

Drawn by the lure of high prices, and despite the danger of electrocution, thieves stole thousands of feet of copper wire from downed power lines in Washington state following severe snowstorms in November. More than 2,000 feet of wire was taken from three locations in Snohomish County where the thefts delayed restoration of power to thousands of customers in the area.

<http://www.newsday.com/news/nationworld/wire/sns-ap-downed-lines.0.6396589.story?coll=sns-ap-nationworld-headlines>

### **PG&E to Restart 1,150 MW Diablo Canyon Nuke Unit 2 in California December 11**

The company shut the unit yesterday to inspect a reactor coolant pump motor.  
Bloomberg News, 13:55 December 11, 2006

### **Dominion's 568 MW Kewaunee Nuke Unit in Wisconsin Reduces Power Over Weekend**

The company reduced power output from the unit to repair a small water leak. The unit was operating at 46 percent this morning.

Bloomberg News, 11:27 December 11, 2006

### **TVA's 1,121 MW Watts Bar Nuclear Station Back on Line in Tennessee**

The single-reactor station shut on September 11 to replace its 1970's-designed steam generators and for refueling. It has begun the process to return to operation on November 30 and was at 85 percent capacity on Friday, December 9, according to the Tennessee Valley Authority.

[http://www.knoxnews.com/kns/local\\_news/article/0.1406.KNS\\_347\\_5201345.00.html](http://www.knoxnews.com/kns/local_news/article/0.1406.KNS_347_5201345.00.html)

### **Intergen's 322 MW La Rosita Gas-fired Unit 2 in Mexico Shut December 10**

Reuters, 10:09 December 11, 2006

## *Petroleum*

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### **ConocoPhillips Reports Process Upset at 146,000 b/d Borger, Texas Refinery December 9**

According to a filing with Texas regulators, ConocoPhillips used flaring to burn off chemicals after the refining process was disrupted at its refinery in Borger, Texas. A company spokesman said that the incident had no impact to daily production or operations.

Bloomberg News, December 11, 2006

## Holly Corp. Approves Upgrades: Navajo Refinery in New Mexico; Woods Cross Refinery in Utah

On December 11, Holly Corp. announced its approval to upgrade projects at Navajo refinery in New Mexico and Wood Cross refinery in Utah. At Navajo refinery, the company will install a 15,000 b/d hydrocracker and a new 28 Mcf/d hydrogen plant, which could become part of a proposed project that is currently under study to increase crude oil capacity to 100,000 b/d. At the Woods Cross refinery, the company will add a 15,000 b/d hydrocracker and sulfur recovery and desalting equipment, which will expand crude oil processing capacity from 26,000 b/d to 31,000 b/d.

[http://www.hollycorp.com/press\\_release.cfm?id=266](http://www.hollycorp.com/press_release.cfm?id=266)

December 11, 2006, Oil Price Information Service

## Canadian Oil Sands Trust Forecasts Higher Output for 2007

The Canadian Oil Sands Trust is forecasting that 2007 production from Syncrude Canada's oil sands development will total between 105 and 120 million bbls, an increase from forecasted 2006 production of 95 million bbls.

Oil Daily, December 11, 2006

## Natural Gas

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### Southeast Supply Header to Expand as Southern Natural Gas Joins Project

Companies backing the Southeast Supply Header natural gas pipeline project announced that with the participation of Southern Natural Gas the proposed project 270-mile line to bring gas from the Perryville Hub in northern Louisiana to interconnecting pipelines serving the Eastern United States would be expanded 36 inches to 42 inches, increasing the initial planned capacity by 140 MMcf/d to 1,140 MMcf/d.

Oil Daily, December 11, 2006

[http://ca.us.biz.yahoo.com/cnw/061207/tx\\_sesh\\_expands\\_pipe.html?v=1](http://ca.us.biz.yahoo.com/cnw/061207/tx_sesh_expands_pipe.html?v=1)

## Other News

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Nothing to report.

## Energy Prices

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U.S. Oil and Gas Prices			
December 11, 2006			
	Today	Week Ago	Year Ago
<b>CRUDE OIL</b> <b>West Texas Intermediate U.S.</b> \$/Barrel	61.26	62.39	59.41
<b>NATURAL GAS</b> <b>Henry Hub</b> \$/Million Btu	6.81	7.84	15.02

Source: Reuters

## Energy Notes

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### BP Cleaning Up Small Oil Pipeline Spill in Long Beach, California

Bloomberg News, 16:49 December 8, 2006

### Propane Leak Found at Wednesday's Explosion Site in Milwaukee, Under Investigation

<http://powermarketers.net/contentinc.net/newsreader.asp?ppa=8knpp%5E%5BkkmmovuXSljw11rbfel%5Dv>

**FERC Commissioner Kelly Says Gas Storage Surplus Will Serve Safety Net this Winter**  
<http://intelligencepress.com/subscribers/daily/>

**LNG Essential to Meet Gas Demand in U.S. Northeast, Say Speakers at Center for LNG**  
<http://www.platts.com/Natural%20Gas/News/6330042.xml?p=Natural%20Gas/News&sub=Natural%20Gas>

**Rentech, Mingo County Entered Joint Venture to Investigate Clean Coal Project**  
<http://www.platts.com/Coal/News/6329780.xml?p=Coal/News&sub=Coal>

**DOE, USEC Sign Agreement for New Uranium Enrichment Plant in Ohio**  
<http://www.platts.com/Nuclear/News/6330295.xml?p=Nuclear/News&sub=Nuclear>

**Buses Carrying Oil Workers Attacked in Algeria; Driver Killed**  
[http://biz.yahoo.com/ap/061210/algeria\\_attack.html?.v=3](http://biz.yahoo.com/ap/061210/algeria_attack.html?.v=3)

**Basin Elec. Power Coop's Dry Fork Station Power Plant Construction Delayed to Next October in Wyoming**  
[http://pro.energycentral.com/professional/news/power/news\\_article.cfm?id=7522719](http://pro.energycentral.com/professional/news/power/news_article.cfm?id=7522719)

**DTE Corrects 2 Equipment Problems at Fermi Unit 2 Nuke Uncovered by NRC Inspection In Michigan**  
[http://pro.energycentral.com/professional/news/power/news\\_article.cfm?id=7522849](http://pro.energycentral.com/professional/news/power/news_article.cfm?id=7522849)

## 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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