

New coal terminal construction underway in McCracken County, Kentucky

Work is underway to build the new coal terminal in western McCracken County, Kentucky. Crews recently broke ground to construct the Southern Coal handling's new Four Rivers terminal. It will directly transfer coal from barges to trains. It's also expected to bring 25 to 40 permanent full-time jobs. Southern Coal handling fought quite a few battles to build their facility in the area. Opponents say there could be a potential health and environmental risks from coal dust from the site. (www.wpsdlocal6.com August 13, 2013)

Power deal could be model to keep Sebree smelter running

State regulators on Wednesday approved a power supply contract that would allow Century Aluminum to keep its nearly 650-employee aluminum smelter at Hawesville, Ky., in operation using electricity acquired on the open market. Century has said the Hawesville deal could serve as the model for a similar arrangement to keep the 500-employee aluminum smelter at Sebree open after its power contract with Big Rivers Electric Corp. is terminated early next year. Century acquired the Sebree smelter in early June from Rio Tinto Alcan. "We are now preparing to move Sebree to a similar market-priced energy arrangement when its power contract expires on Jan. 31, 2014," Century President and CEO Michael Bless said in a statement. (www.courierpress.com August 14, 2013)

Kinder Morgan, MarkWest Utica EMG Announce Plans to Form Joint Venture to Support Northern Ohio Rich-Gas Development and NGL Takeaway from the Utica and Marcellus Shale Resource Plays

Kinder Morgan Energy Partners, L.P. (NYSE: KMP) (Kinder Morgan), and MarkWest Utica EMG, L.L.C. (MarkWest Utica EMG), a joint venture between MarkWest Energy Partners, L.P. (NYSE: MWE) (MarkWest) and The Energy and Minerals Group (EMG) today announced they have signed a letter of intent to form a midstream joint venture (JV) to pursue two critical new projects to support producers in the Utica and Marcellus shales in Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia. The first project consists of the development of a 400 million-cubic-foot-per-day (MMcf/d) cryogenic processing complex in Tuscarawas County, Ohio, utilizing an existing, 220-acre site that Kinder Morgan has under option. The second project consists of the development of an initial, 200,000 barrels-per-day (bpd), C2+ natural gas liquids (NGL) pipeline that originates at the planned JV processing facilities in Ohio and transports NGLs to Gulf Coast fractionation facilities. (www.businesswire.com August 7, 2013)

U of L Solar House nearing completion

It is called the Phoenix House: a solar house being built by U of L and Ball State University students behind U of L's Speed School, on a large vacant lot between the school and Papa John's Cardinal Stadium. "We developed the concept for the house after the Henryville tornado," said Ball State student Zach Kendall. The house is designed to be brought to the scene of a natural disaster. Kendall goes on to explain, "With the destruction from the Henryville, Indiana tornado, we wanted to construct something that could be built from the ground up as a symbol of hope and rebirth." The house runs on solar power and can be erected at the site of a disaster within a week. (www.wdrb.com August 7, 2013)

Offsetting Not An Option In Upcoming EPA Carbon Rules: NRDC

Power plant owners will have plenty of options to comply with whatever carbon regulations the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) releases next month, but offsetting will not be one of them, according to a Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) official. The US has committed to reducing its greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 17% from 2005 levels by the end of this decade. In June, President Barack Obama laid out his vision for ensuring that the US can meet this goal, using his executive authority in light of inaction on climate policy by Congress, and making it "very clear that addressing climate change really is a key priority for his second term," says Dan Lashof, Director of the NRDC's climate and clean air program. (www.ecosystemmarketplace.com August 9, 2013)

Oil tops \$107 as Mideast woes fuel supply concerns

But some disappointing U.S. manufacturing data hinted at weak energy demand prospects, pulling oil prices lower at times and placing a cap on any gains. Crude oil for September delivery /quotes/zigman/2291784 CLU3 +0.33% tacked on 16 cents, or 0.2%, to \$107.01 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract on Wednesday settled higher by 2 cents. Nymex prices had touched a high of \$107.87 overnight, but pulled back following manufacturing data covering New York and Philadelphia. (www.marketwatch.com August 15, 2013)

Kentucky Retail Fuel Prices (Dollars per gallon)

Product	8/15/2013	8/8/2013	8/1/2013	7/25/2013	Year Ago
Gasoline (State avg.)	\$ 3.45	\$ 3.51	\$ 3.59	\$ 3.58	\$ 3.72
Ashland	\$ 3.53	\$ 3.47	\$ 3.49	\$ 3.52	\$ 3.77
Covington	\$ 3.56	\$ 3.64	\$ 3.66	\$ 3.63	\$ 3.82
Lexington	\$ 3.45	\$ 3.50	\$ 3.62	\$ 3.59	\$ 3.78
Louisville	\$ 3.50	\$ 3.63	\$ 3.77	\$ 3.66	\$ 3.69
Owensboro	\$ 3.31	\$ 3.38	\$ 3.46	\$ 3.53	\$ 3.66
Diesel (State avg.)	\$ 3.87	\$ 3.88	\$ 3.85	\$ 3.85	\$ 3.92
Ashland	\$ 3.89	\$ 3.92	\$ 3.85	\$ 3.85	\$ 3.98
Covington	\$ 3.87	\$ 3.89	\$ 3.83	\$ 3.83	\$ 3.84
Lexington	\$ 3.91	\$ 3.92	\$ 3.84	\$ 3.85	\$ 3.96
Louisville	\$ 3.85	\$ 3.88	\$ 3.81	\$ 3.82	\$ 3.94
Owensboro	\$ 3.87	\$ 3.88	\$ 3.88	\$ 3.89	\$ 3.96

Note: The record high average price for gasoline in Kentucky is \$4.089, reported on July 10, 2008.
 Source: Gasoline (unleaded regular) & Diesel: National AAA,

Spot Prices	8/14/2013	8/7/2013	7/31/2013	7/24/2013	Year Ago
Crude Oil (Dollars per barrel) <i>West Texas Intermediate, fob</i>	\$ 107.37	\$ 102.73	\$ 105.03	\$ 105.39	\$ 95.66
Natural Gas (Dollars per MMBtu) <i>Henry-Hub</i>	\$ 3.36	\$ 3.30	\$ 3.44	\$ 3.71	\$ 2.78

Source: the Wall Street Journal

Futures		September 2013	October 2013	November 2013
Crude Oil (Dollars per barrel) <i>Light Sweet Crude Oil</i>	8/14/2013	\$ 106.85	\$ 106.56	\$ 105.41
	8/7/2013	\$ 104.37	\$ 103.91	\$ 102.75
	7/31/2013	\$ 105.03	\$ 104.22	\$ 102.94
Natural Gas (Dollars per MMBtu) <i>Henry-Hub</i>	8/14/2013	\$ 3.34	\$ 3.37	\$ 3.49
	8/7/2013	\$ 3.25	\$ 3.27	\$ 3.39
	7/31/2013	\$ 3.45	\$ 3.47	\$ 3.57
Propane (Dollars per gallon) <i>Mt Behvieu (OPIS)</i>	8/14/2013	\$ 1.05	\$ 1.05	\$ 1.05
	8/7/2013	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.01	\$ 1.01
	7/31/2013	\$ 0.95	\$ 0.95	\$ 0.95
Coal (Dollars per ton) <i>Central Appalachian</i>	8/14/2013	\$ 53.44	\$ 53.62	\$ 53.70
	8/7/2013	\$ 52.59	\$ 52.85	\$ 52.90
	7/31/2013	\$ 53.48	\$ 53.90	\$ 53.90

Source: CME Group



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