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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CPG Power Holdings Consolidates Energy Retail Operations on EC Infosystems Integrated EDI and Billing/CIS Platform

UNIONDALE, N.Y. – December 14, 2016 – EC Infosystems, a leader in Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) and Billing/Customer Information Solutions (CIS) for clients in the deregulated energy industry, today announced CPG Power Holdings LLC, an ESCO holding company, has chosen ...

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UTILITY BUSINESS

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Alabama Power customers could see bills go up

Alabama Power customers will see their bills go up next month, for increases that the company says will go toward updates and upgrades of existing infrastructure. Representatives of the utility said at a hearing Tuesday the average residential customer ...

Iowa Utilities Board Reminds Consumers of Safe, Cost-Effective Tips to Reduce Winter Heating Bills

The Iowa Utilities Board issued the following news release: With dangerously low temperatures and high winds in the forecast, the Iowa Utilities Board reminds utility customers of simple ways to reduce monthly winter heating ...

Energy Dept. refuses to provide names to Trump team

The Energy Department said Tuesday it won't provide the names of staffers who worked on climate policy or other issues to President-electDonald Trump's transition team, even as it pledges to cooperate with the incoming administration. Trump's transition ...

Antrim wind turbine project gets the go-ahead

The developer of the controversial Antrim wind turbine project has cleared its final hurdle with the state. The N.H. Site Evaluation Committee, which is tasked with signing off on energy facilities in the Granite State, approved Antrim ...

OGE Energy Corp. names general counsel

OGE Energy Corp. (NYSE: OGE) today announced it has named William H. Sultemeier General Counsel of OGE Energy Corp. and OG&E, effective Jan. 1, 2017. Most recently, Sultemeier served as a Partner in the Houston ...

Justices say PNM rate rebates can be ordered

The New Mexico Supreme Court said Monday that regulators can order the state's largest electric utility to reimburse its customers should it be determined that a rate hike is unlawful after it is implemented. The court made the ...

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Patterson-UTI Energy plans to acquire Seventy Seven Energy

Houston-based Patterson-UTI Energy plans to acquire Seventy Seven Energy in a nearly $1.8 billion stock deal. The proposed merger was announced Monday night. A statement from Patterson and Oklahoma City-based Seventy Seven Energy says the boards of ...

Austrian minister backs Cumbrian anti-nuclear group

Anti-nuclear campaigners have received support from the Austrian government over a planned nuclear power station in Copeland. Radiation Free Lakeland has received a letter of thanks from Austrias federal ministry of agriculture, forestry, environment and water management over objections to ...

PSC Presley: Rural areas need more services

Northern District Public Service CommissionerBrandon Presley touted the need to focus on bringing more services to the rural areas and on encouraging public utility companies to contract with Mississippians for their improvement and expansion projects. Presley, a ...

Environmental Panel Seeking To Protect Forests, Farmland From Solar Energy Projects

The state's official environmental watchdog group is looking at a range of possible legislative actions to protect valuable forest and farmland from being gobbled up by solar and other energy

projects. The proposals include changing state laws governing how ...

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BRIDGE Energy Group and PG&E Increase Data Accuracy, Improving Electric Grid Operations

BRIDGE Energy Group (BRIDGE) today announced that Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) is using their new SCADA Data Availability Dashboard (SDAD) to monitor and track SCADA Data Accuracy. This dashboard provides users ...

Board approves increase for JCP&L

State regulators have approved a rate increase for Jersey City Power and Light. The average customer will pay nearly $4 more a month, beginning New Year's Day. The 3.6 percent increase approved by the Board of ...

Smart power

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POWER GENERATION

Washington can help to make coal cleaner

As the recent election cycle demonstrated, American politics is beset with a number of polarizing issues. Among the most obvious has been the debate over coal. WhereHillary Clinton favored renewable energy at the expense of the coal industry,Donald Trump has ...

Biomass bailout to restart former Covanta plants, boost Aroostook generators

Maine regulators on Tuesday approved splitting $13.4 million in subsidies across four biomass facilities, including two shuttered by Covanta in Penobscot and Washington counties. The Maine Public Utilities Commission voted unanimously to accept bids from Stored ...

Solar energy cutting costs for Cumbee Center's emergency shelter

Energy from the sun is providing power for the Cumbee Center to Assist Abused Persons' emergency shelter. "I really didn't know much about solar energy, but this has been a good opportunity to learn about it and how it ...

Changing face of the UK energy industry is tracked

HIS summer has seen low carbon energy sources produce more than half of Britain's electricity for the first time. TA new report from Imperial College London, produced in collaboration with regional power giant Drax, found that between July and September, ...

Accelerating Connection of Distributed Generation

Growing demand for connecting Distributed Generation (DG) sources has been facing major challenges – in particular, mitigation of extra fault current introduced with DG connection to distribution grids. Network operators will not authorize connection of gas generation, biogas cogeneration and ...

Duke Energy to recycle ash at Goldsboro power plant

Duke Energy will build a facility to recycle coal ash at itsH.F. Lee power plant near Goldsboro instead of burying the ash in a former clay mine in Lee County. Ash will be processed for use as an ingredient ...

Big zap: Huge new power lines in West get federal OK

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Peabody Energy Honors Cleanest Coal-Fueled Power Plants In United States

Peabody Energy today recognized U.S. coal-fueled power plants for top environmental performance with the 2016 Peabody Energy Clean Coal Awards. Honors were determined based on data available from the Environmental Protection Agency for ...

Nation's First Offshore Wind Farm Begins Producing Clean, Renewable Power

The Conservation Law Foundation issued the following statement following the announcement that Deepwater Wind's five-turbine, 30-megawatt Block Island Wind Farm has entered commercial service, producing enough clean, renewable energy to power 17,000 Rhode Island homes: ...

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POWER DELIVERY

Grain Belt elicits huge dissent

A Texas company again faces a large groundswell of resistance in its bid to construct a major electric transmission line that would cut through parts of Northwest Missouri. An impassioned public rejection of the Grain Belt ...

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Power outage affects customers in southwest Omaha

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southwest Omaha metro area. Power went out at 5:21 p.m., and many of the 757 affected customers had electricity restored at 6:39 ...

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Jersey Central Power and Light Rate Settlement Will Help Continue Reliability Enhancements

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ENERGY STORAGE

With China Leading the U.S. in Clean-Energy Technology, Tech Think Tank Urges Trump Administration to Prioritize Energy Innovation to Create Jobs, Improve Trade Balance

Washington (PRWEB) December 13, 2016 China and other Asian nations have vaulted past the United States to the forefront of the global clean-energy technology market, according to a new report from the Information Technology and Innovation Foundation (ITIF). But if ...

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ENERGY MANAGEMENT

RENEWABLES - Africa integrates into global renewables

According to the 2016 Global Trends in Renewables Global Status Report, more than twice as much was invested world- wide on renewable energy generating capacity as fossil capacity in 2015, despite the fact prices of oil, coal and gas were ...

Mitsubishi Hitachi Power Systems and OSIsoft Fuel the Digital Power Plant of the Future

Global Strategic Alliance Improves Plant Efficiency, Reliability and Emissions ORLANDO, Fla.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Mitsubishi Hitachi Power Systems (MHPS), the recognized leader in power plant reliability and efficiency through the use of big data, expert knowledge and human insights, is expanding its ...

Hitachi Gets Patent for Storage Battery Control System and Storage Battery Control Method

Hitachi has received a patent for storage battery control system and storage battery control method. Tomita Taminori,Shiga Yasuko and Nasu Yoshihito developed the invention. The patent application number is 13/669,853. The International Patent Classification codes are ...

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