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There's a lot to love about Chicago – and that includes the Utility Analytics Summit 2017!

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Electricity theft discovered by deputy

During a routine eviction walkthrough, an Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO) deputy found that someone had been stealing electricity from Florida Power and Light (FPL). Deputy Gerardo Vasquez of the OCSO responded to the 3600 block of S.E. 33rd Terrace in reference to a theft of electricity complaint. Upon his arrival, he made contact with Deputy... Read article

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BRIEF: GE Hitachi Nuclear announces layoffs

GE Hitachi Nuclear announced in a statement Thursday they will make layoffs. It was unclear how many employees GE plans to cut locally. "As the nuclear energy industry landscape continues to change it has become necessary to make adjustments to better align with the demands of the ... Read article

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Opening a new Frontier: Duke Energy Renewables' 200-megawatt Oklahoma wind project delivering power

Duke Energy Renewables has completed its large-scale wind power plant in Oklahoma, the 200-megawatt (MW) Frontier Windpower Project. The wind facility, located in Kay County, east of Blackwell, became operational in late December 2016, and increases Duke Energy Renewables' U.S. wind capacity to 2,300 megawatts (MW). "We had ... Read article

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SaskPower looking for bids for solar energy project

SaskPower is going ahead with a small solar energy project. On Wednesday the Crown corporation called for tenders on a 10 megawatt plant to be built at an undetermined location. The plant will be about 1 per cent the size of SaskPower`s coal fired plants near Estevan, but it is still being heralded by the Crown as the only utility sized project outside... Read article

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Dominion Solar invests in Virginia more than $800 million

The US utility Dominion Virginia Power is investing more than $800 million in solar power in Virginia, with much of it being built at little or no cost to most customers. Additional solar projects are now in the planning stages. The cost of energy powered by the sun is coming down and we are working hard to develop projects in new and economical ways for our... Read article

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MJP International Announces Distribution of New Solar Products

MJP International announced that it has placed an initial order for 2 new products from Shenzhen Hopepower Technology Co. Ltd. The products are a 13w foldable solar panel with dual USB outputs that charge all types of USB-powered devices and will be geared towards the company's retail ... Read article

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Refueling activities and performance enhancements underway at Plant Hatch Unit 2

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Renewable Power Direct Brings Wind Energy to Intuit Inc. California Headquarters

Renewable Power Direct, LLC (RDP) announced a new renewable supply

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CMP continues to chip away at southern Maine power outages

About 3,700 Mainers in the southern part of the state were still without power Friday morning. Central Maine Power crews have continued to repair damage from the snowstorm that passed over the state Wednesday night and Thursday morning. The storm hit hardest in southern Maine and Down East. The leftover outages are in York and Cumberland counties. Gorham and... Read article

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Giant solar project planned for QA's

A Stevens-ville-based company has plans to construct a massive solar panel project on three tracts of land, totaling 337 acres, on Jones Farm Lane in Queen Anne's County. "The project will consist of 205,996 solar panels. These panels produce DC current which is converted to AC current by inverters. The system provides AC current to the electrical grid,"... Read article

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Utah homeowner associations may be forced to allow solar panels

Lawmakers on Friday advanced a controversial bill to require, in most... Read abstract

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Australia : Cutting-edge battery tech coming of age with ARENAs help

A home-grown battery storage technology has secured new funding support from the Australian Renewable Energy Agency (ARENA) and is set to move into international markets after signing a global manufacturing deal. ARENA has committed $4.1 million in new recoupable funding for Sydney-based company Ecoult to enhance and fully commercialise its UltraBattery... Read article

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Malcolm Turnbull’s Point Piper Home Has Battery Storage Installed To Complement Solar Array

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Landis+Gyr's Smart Meters to Power Ambitious Project in Spain

For nearly a decade, IBERDROLA has been a major driving force behind smart

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Inadequate gas supply cuts electricity output by 3,000MW

The Federal Government said the Nigerian electricity sector recorded a shortfall of 3,000 Megawatts (MW) due to inadequate gas supply to power plants. However, the countrys power generation stagnates at 3,729 MW, the Minister of Power Works and Housing, Babatunde Fashola, expressed optimism that functional pipeline would increase electricity output to... Read article

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Electricity Outage to Shrink in Return for Increase in Tariffs

Lebanon`s electricity outage will be decreased three hours per day by the end of February, to be paralleled by a slight increase in electricity tariffs, al-Joumhouria daily reported on Thursday. Sources well-informed on Lebanon`s longtime problematic electricity file, told the daily that a new supply program will increase power supply by 3 hours per day... Read article

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Electrification Agency to introduce renewable energy alternatives

North-East Zonal Coordinator, Rural Electrification Agency (REA), Mr. Sani Daura, has said that the agency will introduce the use of other renewable energy alternatives other than solar across the zone. Daura, in Bauchi, on Friday, that the agency would expand from solar energy to mini-hydro energy. According to him, the agency has set up a mini hydro grid... Read article

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Exeter could be generating most of its own electricity by 2025

Exeter could be generating most of its own energy within a decade, according to a new report. Energy Independence 2025, due to be published today by Exeter City Futures, sets out 10 key recommendations to help reduce energy consumption and boost clean energy generation across Exeter and its travel-to- work area. It indicates that Devon`s capital is well... Read article

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Recent announcements from SunPower Corporation (NASDAQ:SPWR) offer both hope and cause for concern. On the hopeful front, the company continues to show that its solar panels and related products are in high demand. It recently said that it is in the process of supply 64.4 megawatts (MW) of its E-Seies solar panels to a French firm called La Compagnie du... Read article

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Indonesian Electric Power Company Chooses SuperGIS Desktop

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Investigators publish new report on Science - Quality Control Science. According to news reporting out of Sfax, Tunisia, by NewsRx editors, research stated, "The recent nuclear accident of Fukushima has made a number of countries, such as France reconsider nuclear energy as an option. This article investigates the dynamic links between economic growth and... Read article

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Thai gov't panel approves coal plant in popular tourist area

A government committee has approved construction of an 800-megawatt coal power plant near pristine beaches on the Andaman Sea, Thailand's prime minister said Friday. The plant and an accompanying dock are slated to be

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