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Special Theme Edition: Smart Energy from Generation to Conservation

Is your city on the right energy path? Tips from GE, Xcel and Bill Gates

Between rapidly swelling populations and increasingly tough climate targets, we need more power, but we need it to come from clean, sustainable sources. Your citizens likely want to help you, but it will require a fresh look at renewable energy and the way you regulate utilities.

The world needs smart utilities: 2 steps to make yours smart

The drive to make utilities smarter is taking on new urgency. Traditional approaches don't go far enough. A new survey from Black & Veatch finds smart utilities and cities have changed their approaches over the past year. Read on for two things you should be doing now.

Want a smart energy future for your city? Here are 2 tools you really need

Many cities that want a sustainable, reliable energy future are going with renewables, advanced metering, energy efficiency programs or a combination of those and other technologies. Many others are planning to do the same. Regardless of your approach, data analytics and sensors are key to making it all work. Read the story to learn why.

Can conservation programs generate economic gains? New York's can

We tend to think of conservation programs as tools to save energy. But as New York has discovered, they can also provide a valuable boost to the economy. Learn about a Lime Energy project that has already created 2,600 jobs — and is on track to create 4,000 more.

How Enel plans to be carbon neutral by 2050 (it's making progress already)

While many countries are still dependent on coal, Enel has ambitious renewable energy plans. It decided against two new coal plants and is working to double its renewable generation capacity in 5 years. Find out

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how — and how much of a difference this will make.

Smart technology saves Carson City on maintenance

If you're wondering how much of a difference smart technology can make, check out this Schneider Electric case study about Carson City, Nevada. One highlight: remote management allowed the city's public works department to cut operations hours by 15% simply through cutting drive time.

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