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## A rate hike citizens love? What LA discovered about clean energy

Nobody likes to pay more, but Los Angeles has found that people will — at least for clean energy. Learn how the city presented its clean energy plan and what it's doing to ensure it keeps the public's trust with an initiative that won nearly universal support.

## Council plays key role in trade development mission to India

The Smart Cities Council and several of its partners are playing a key role in a U.S. trade mission to India to help bring high technology to the country's up-and-coming smart cities. Learn more about the mission and the work that will be done.

## Who will keep your smart city humming? Cisco's on it

Connected technologies, the Internet of Things and other elements are coming together to create the intelligent cities of the future. But where do we find the skilled, talented people we'll need to make it all work? Fortunately, Council Lead Partner Cisco and others are on it. Read the story to learn about how they plan to fill the smart cities talent gap.

## Two approaches to public Wi-Fi: How it's done in the Maldives and NYC

Fair and equitable Internet access for everyone is a key element of smart cities and two projects underway now provide different lessons. See how Ooredoo is providing service in the under-served Maldives, and learn about the privacy implications of New York's efforts to turn payphones into hotspots.

## Why Thailand wants smart cities -- and which one will be the first

Smart cities figure heavily in Thailand's national policy to embrace a digital economy and become a digital hub for the region. As part of its strategy the Thai government recently selected one of its most popular tourist destinations, the island of Phuket (pronounced Poo-ket), for the first of its smart city pilot projects.

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**2.9: IoT Data Analytics and Visualization** - Palo Alto, California

**2.29: 2016 ARPA-E Energy Innovation Summit** - Washington, D.C.

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