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Consumer Protection for Third-Party Solar Leases

While declining system costs, state policies allowing net metering and various tax incentives have generated more interest in rooftop solar projects, those projects often bring challenges and problems for homeowners. Several states have stepped in to help protect residents who are considering this green energy.

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Top 5 Issues in 2015: Elections

The control of the U.S. House and Senate has been determined by the midterm, so that must mean another big election is just over the horizon. As the 2016 presidential race heats up, state officials will be looking at new policies to improve the security, efficiency and administration of elections.

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