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## **Energy and Climate Report**

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### News

#### *Climate Change*

##### Exxon Must Disclose Accounting Details in N.Y. Climate Probe

Exxon Mobil Corp.'s attempt to use "accountant-client privilege" to avoid handing over audit documents in a politically charged climate-change probe was dealt a final blow by New York's top court.

#### *Climate Change*

##### Tone Down Climate Change in Suit Against Exxon: Judge

A federal judge said he wanted to avoid having "the Scopes Monkey Trial of the 21st Century," and ordered an environmental organization to remove claims based on climate change in its lawsuit against Exxon Mobil Corp.

#### *Emissions Trading*

##### EU Said to Mull Marking U.K. Carbon Permits in Contingency Plan

The European Commission will propose marking carbon allowances issued by the U.K. as of January 2018 as part of Brexit-related rules to make the world's biggest emissions market resistant to potential supply turmoil.

#### *Energy*

##### Proposed Maryland Offshore Wind Ban Draws Diverse Opposition

A proposal to ban offshore wind projects in Maryland waters is attracting opposition from a band of unlikely allies, with oil company representatives front and center.

#### *Hydraulic Fracturing*

##### Delaware River Basin Fracking Talks Could Be Revived

A de facto moratorium on hydraulic fracturing in the Delaware River basin—in place since December 2010—could be up for discussion again before a multistate watershed commission.

#### *Motor Vehicles*

##### China Solar-Cell Maker Explores Electric Cars With World No. 2

Golden Concord Group Ltd., a Chinese energy conglomerate, said it's seeking opportunities in electric vehicles, joining investors like billionaire Li Ka-shing who are pushing into the sector as the government works on a plan to phase out internal-combustion autos.

#### *Renewable Energy*

##### German Coastal States Urge Merkel to Raise Offshore Wind Targets

Germany's coastal states and cities urged Chancellor Angela Merkel to raise the nation's

offshore wind power target to take advantage of the technology's plummeting costs.

***Renewable Energy***

**Solar Developers Hoarding Panels as Threat of U.S. Tariffs Looms**

Solar developers are suspending construction as the looming threat of U.S. import tariffs has driven up prices and spurred hoarding, crippling panel supplies.

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**Utility-Scale Solar Hits Cost Goal, Focus Turns to Reliability**

The solar industry has met the Energy Department's goal to reduce the average price of utility-scale solar to 6 cents per kilowatt-hour—three years ahead of the agency's 2020 target.

***Sustainability***

**Evian Aims to Deflect Water Criticism by Going Carbon Neutral**

Evian aims to become the first major spring water brand to go carbon neutral amid criticism that packaging water from the French Alps and transporting it around the world in plastic bottles causes unnecessary environmental damage.

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