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## **Energy and Climate Report**

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### News

#### *Climate Regulation*

##### **Utilities Face More Emissions Cuts in Massachusetts**

Massachusetts power generators face tighter greenhouse gas limits and new demands to purchase power from renewable sources as the state implements a law requiring deep emissions cuts.

#### *Coal Mining*

##### **West Virginia Governor's Coal-Subsidy Pitch Troubles Westerners**

Coal companies from outside Appalachia, and the Republicans in Congress representing them, are taking a dim view of West Virginia Gov. Jim Justice's efforts to win a \$4.5 billion subsidy for eastern coal.

#### *EPA*

##### **California Sues for Answers About Pruitt's EPA Stewardship**

California Attorney General Xavier Becerra (D) sued the EPA to compel it to say what steps were taken to ensure its rulemaking and procedures remain impartial despite Administrator Scott Pruitt's background as a onetime legal opponent of the agency.

#### *Endangered Species*

##### **Sage Grouse Protection Changes May Yield Benefits, States Say**

The first suggested changes to federal protections for the greater sage grouse under the Trump administration may not be as broad-ranging as some of the bird's advocates fear.

#### *Energy*

##### **Troubled Georgia Nuclear Project Is Said to Seek Aid from Trump**

President Donald Trump has vowed to revive America's dying nuclear industry. Backers of a troubled Georgia nuclear project want him to prove it.

#### *General Policy*

##### **Week Ahead: Integrating Energy, Water Use to Be Explored at Forum**

A hydropower and tidal power executive will outline the importance of assessing water and energy issues in an integrated fashion at a Tuesday forum, one of several energy and environment events—including numerous webinars—the week of Aug. 14.

#### *Motor Vehicles*

##### **Musk's Electric-Car Vision Doubted by Major Parts Suppliers**

Some of the world's top auto-parts suppliers aren't buying all the enthusiasm about the electric vehicles hyped by Tesla Inc.'s Elon Musk and larger carmakers trying to keep up.

***Motor Vehicles***

**Parked Electric Cars Earn \$1,530 from Europe's Power Grids**

Electric car owners are earning as much as \$1,530 a year just by parking their vehicle and feeding excess power back into the grid.

***Oil & Gas***

**Threat of Venezuelan Oil Ban Pits Oil Boss Against Refiners**

The prospect of a U.S. blockade of crude oil imports from Venezuela has ignited fierce lobbying in Washington pitting domestic energy producers such as oil tycoon Harold Hamm, who favor a get-tough approach, against refiners that depend on those supplies.

***Renewable Energy***

**London Solar Auctions Aim to Make City Greenest on Earth**

London Mayor Sadiq Khan said he wanted to try city-wide auctions as part of an environment strategy proposed to more than double the capital's solar energy generation capacity by 2030.

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