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From Climate Change to hybrid work models and Diversity, Equity & Inclusion efforts and more, companies are struggling to balance all of their needs. This month's Guest Contributor Series covers a host of topics that are top of mind for utilities as they do their best to stay on top. Enjoy Volume 39!



DEI & WHERE TO BEGIN

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2020 shook our lives into awareness and in some cases dislodged us from the comfort of the status quo. At a personal level, the murder of George Floyd prompted deep reflection in some of us. At a corporate level, the notion of equity expanded into business considerations around corporate cultures supporting or ignoring Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging....

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SUPPORTING CHILE'S TRANSITION TO A RENEWABLE ENERGY FUTURE

BY AUDREY ZIBELMAN

Earlier this year, I joined X to lead our moonshot for the electric grid. Since joining my team and I have had numerous conversations with system operators, utilities, regulators and governments, who are telling me a story I am deeply familiar with. They are urgently trying to get more renewables onto the grid but without a complete picture of what is happening on the electric grids they manage and oversee, they can't do so with confidence. Will they inadvertently create reliability issues? Are they actually meeting their decarbonization goals?....

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DESIGNING THE NEW OFFICE ENVIRONMENT

BY SARA MAFFEY

Perhaps more than any other sector, the health of urban office space has massive implications for other areas of commercial real estate. From Midtown Manhattan to downtown LA, and many other central business districts across North America, the traditional ecosystem of these areas is built around a daily influx of thousands of white-collar workers who patronize retail shops, eat at restaurants and stay at nearby hotels....

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DISTRIBUTED INTELLIGENCE IS AT THE CENTER OF CONSUMER ENERGY MANAGEMENT

BY TIM DRISCOLL

Consumers today are looking for personalized engagement — the one-size-fits-all approach is no longer sufficient. In the energy sector, we've seen everything from the rise of smart thermostats to increased interest in purchasing renewable electricity. We are also witnessing the rise of distributed energy resources (DER), with consumers increasingly generating, storing and managing their own electricity....

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CLIMATE CHANGE IS IMPACTING UTILITIES & HOW A CIS/ BILLING CAN ADAPT TO THESE CHALLENGES

BY STEVEN DAWSON

Sometimes, a severe jolt is a good thing to wake up someone from his deep sleep, if he is not listening to the normal request being made. This is what is being done by climate change to wake up people and stakeholders to get them out of their deep sleep of negligence towards the climate so that adequate measures are taken to lower the impact of our actions on the climate. Climate is affecting every one of us with its severe effects in the shape of winter storms, flooding, hurricanes, and wildfires. So, no one can deny the fact that climate change is a reality, and it is affecting the world in an extensive manner with every passing day. If things won't be taken seriously in this regard by the stakeholders, then this negative impact of climate change will continue to haunt the world with its devastations (Morgan, 2020)....

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