

January 2017

Utility Capital Expenditure - UK

“The approach to infrastructure investment is in transition across the utility industry. Whereas spending was previously mainly output-driven, future investment decisions will be increasingly centred on innovation, asset optimisation and long-term outcomes. Operators will also be challenged by rising pressure from industry regulators to reduce costs for consumers, which highlights ...

November 2016

Electricity Industry - UK

“A key focus for DNOs is the development and roll-out of innovative smart grid technologies to support the growing clean energy capacity coming onto the grid. New challenges for operators of the UK’s regional electricity networks have already started to arise from shifts in the way electricity is produced to ...

October 2016

Renewable Energy - UK

“The recent rapid expansion of the renewables sector is set to slow in percentage terms following a series of policy changes, including subsidy cuts, and the transition from the Renewable Obligation (RO) support scheme to the less generous Contracts for Difference (CfD) mechanism. More established technologies, such as solar PV ...

September 2016

Solar Panels - UK

“The latest government cuts have already proved hugely damaging to the UK solar PV sector, which has seen deployment levels plummet during the first half of 2016. The Solar Trade Association estimates that a third of all solar jobs have been lost since July 2015, with a large number of ...

Energy Industry - UK

“Widespread smart meter deployment should create significant opportunities for energy suppliers, allowing them to offer more innovative and tailored tariffs and products. For example, the technology makes it possible for suppliers to offer ‘time-of-use tariffs’, charging a lower price for power at off-peak times, such as the weekend, and higher ...

Public Expenditure - UK

“The referendum decision to exit the EU will change the emphasis of the government, not least because the new chancellor and the prime minister have been somewhat critical of previous budget cuts and austerity. These policies are due to be scaled back in the autumn budget. There is unlikely to ...

July 2016

Waste Management - UK

“Investment in new waste treatment infrastructure is expected to slow over the next few years as the requirements for municipal residual processing infrastructure are close to being met. According to Eunomia’s eighth Residual Waste Infrastructure Review, published in June 2015, the UK is just three years away from eliminating the ...

April 2016

Potable Water and Sewerage - UK

“The WFD will continue to be a key driver for capital investment in the water and sewerage industry. It is also expected to drive innovation as companies are looking at new technologies that offer the best solution to implementing the directive. However increased waste water treatment under the WFD will ...

March 2016

Gas Supply and Distribution - UK

“During the current control period RIIO-GD1 from 2013 to 2021, asset management and demand-side responses (working with consumers to reduce demand rather than increase generation) are likely to be the most significant areas of innovation, with smart technology expected to play a key role. Increased collaboration between network operators is ...