



The University of Bristol

Case Study—Energy Cost Recovery

About the University

The University of Bristol is internationally renowned, ranked in the top 30 universities globally (QS World University Rankings), due to its outstanding teaching and research, its superb facilities and highly talented students and staff.

As a top research University, the University of Bristol has a significant estate to manage, so optimising energy consumption and expenditure is an important priority. To support this, the University appointed PCMG to carry out an audit of their historical and current energy pricing to identify opportunities to recover historical overpayments and reduce ongoing costs.

Understanding Energy Prices

Once the University had provided PCMG with a list of accounts and a letter of authority, PCMG managed the process of collating 6 years of historical data from their suppliers, alongside third party data relating to network infrastructure, metering and connection set-up.

PCMG carried out a detailed analysis of all aspects of the University's electricity and gas prices including DUoS (Distribution Use of System), TUoS (Transmission Use of System), CCL (Climate Change Levy) and Energy Commodity.

At a glance...

- **£350,000** per annum saved at Main Campus site
- **£8,300** refunds achieved on electricity and gas accounts

Identifying and Implementing Savings

Once the analysis was completed, PCMG presented the findings to the University in a comprehensive report, which detailed the identified recommendations and the potential value of refunds and savings that could be achieved.

The University instructed PCMG to progress with all of the recommendations put forward, which primarily related to the revision of network infrastructure charges.

PCMG handled the negotiation process with the University's suppliers, supporting them to ensure that the identified savings were implemented correctly.

"PCMG has a unique and innovative approach to energy cost analysis. They were able to identify a significant saving using their in-depth knowledge of the UK's energy networks and related policies."

- Dr John Brenton, Sustainability Manager
University of Bristol



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