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The Benefits of Energy Management

Some organizations pursue energy efficiency improvements while others remain disengaged and noncommittal. Why? Energy costs are the largest expense behind labour costs in many organizations. Staffing is nearly always considered a strategic issue, but not energy. Why not? Despite its prominence, energy does not typically get managed like other major cost centres. What are the barriers?

Among the most common of reasons are the following:

1. Executives consider energy to be unmanageable. Their attitude is that energy is the “cost of doing business”. Energy is needed simply to keep the doors open and to keep the business in business.

2. Extracting energy cost and consumption information from utility bills can be time consuming and onerous. Organizations with several sites and accounts have an especially difficult task getting a corporate view.

3. It is assumed that reducing energy waste is always about technology investments – changing the lights or bringing in a more efficient piece of equipment. The assumed capital outlay and potential disruption to operations puts energy efficiency down the priority list.

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