



# Energy Budget Checklist

8 Budget Components to Consider for Accurate Forecasting

## ARE THESE COMPONENTS FACTORED INTO YOUR BUDGET?

- 1 NON-COMMODITY CHARGES**  
Charges on your energy invoices aren't limited to the actual commodity. Transportation and capacity line items can impact your budget if they are not considered.
- 2 ENERGY TAXES**  
While this sounds like an easy one to remember, many companies fail to forecast future energy taxes and any tax exemptions that may apply to their enterprise.
- 3 UTILITY RATE INCREASES**  
Utilities are required to file for rate increases, but what is approved can differ quite a bit from what is originally requested. Stay current on utility rate cases to forecast next year's costs.
- 4 YOUR UTILITY RATE CLASS**  
The utility rate applied to your energy bill each month is determined by your rate class. Make sure you know your rate class, which is usually based on your usage profile.
- 5 EACH ENERGY ACCOUNT/METER**  
Examine every energy account or meter separately. Smaller accounts usually have lower rates and should be considered independently from larger ones to ensure accuracy.
- 6 CLEANTECH & RENEWABLE**  
Consider renewable energy credits, tax credits and other incentives as you develop your budget. Furthermore, take advantage of these programs to lower your energy costs for next year.
- 7 CONTRACT EXPIRATIONS**  
Most energy contracts aren't synchronized to your fiscal year. Your energy costs will likely fluctuate throughout the year, so calculate your energy budget accordingly.
- 8 FACILITY & OPERATIONAL CHANGES**  
Any changes planned -- reduced hours, increased production, new site construction -- will impact your energy usage and should be factored into next year's budget.

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