



# University of Central Lancashire

## Case Study – Energy Cost Recovery

### About UCLan

The University of Central Lancashire (UCLan) in Preston was founded in 1828 as the Institution for the Diffusion of Knowledge. Now, UCLan provides world class teaching and support to help its 36,000 students succeed.

However, running UCLan's state of the facilities comes at a cost, including an Energy bill of in excess of £3 million per annum. As such, UCLan is constantly looking for new ways to reduce their costs and their impact on the environment, and turned to PCMG to carry out an Energy Cost Recovery audit exercise.

### Identifying savings in historical expenditure

PCMG began the process by collating together UCLan's historical Energy billing data, mostly directly from their providers without the need for the University to dig through their archives.

PCMG audited every aspect of these costs in detail, to ensure that they were calculated correctly in line with contractual clauses, industry regulated costs, metered usage, on-site network infrastructure and HMRC VAT rules. PCMG presented a report to the University, detailing areas where incorrect charging had occurred, and where refunds and ongoing savings could be secured.

### At a glance...

- ✓ £3 million Energy spend per annum
- ✓ Total Refunds & Savings = **£32,700**
- ✓ Electricity:
  - ✓ Refunds: **£15,500**
  - ✓ Savings: **£4,200**
- ✓ Gas:
  - ✓ Refunds: **£11,000**
  - ✓ Savings: **£2,000**

### Managing tough supplier negotiations

Once the findings had been presented to UCLan, PCMG began working on the University's behalf and managing the negotiations with the suppliers to ensure that the savings were correctly passed on to the University in a timely manner.

The end result of the project was success, with UCLan's suppliers correcting their historical billing and PCMG's cost recovery experts securing a clear economic benefit for the University.

"PCMG has done an excellent job in unlocking savings hidden within our historical energy expenditure. UCLan is committed to minimising both energy usage and cost, and PCMG have provided valuable assistance."

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