

SCAC Survey: Auditing of Utility and/ or Telecommunications Invoices

Sep-11

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Allendale	no			no			
Berkeley	yes		The audit was completed in January 2008 and began in the spring of 2007.	yes	Annual savings estimated to be under \$10,000 per year. We had hoped it would be more substantial than it was.		They received a percentage of the savings that they found.
Cherokee	no						
Chesterfield	no	We have talked about it a few times and may at some point do this.					
Clarendon	no						
Colleton	yes		Under contract for 3 years about 7 years ago.	no	That seems to be a problem w/ these types of services. The alleged savings is difficult to document. The companies that perform these services provided analyses of the supposed savings, but, rarely do we see the benefit in the bottom line.		30% of the alleged savings. For us, that was about \$15K.
Darlington	no						
Edgefield	yes		We contracted with them for 3 years approximately a year and a half ago.	yes	We have saved \$23,500 in monthly bills over the last 18 months.	30%	
Hampton	yes		Hampton County completed a two year engagement approximately a year ago.	yes	\$2,268 in one time savings and \$15,340 in recurring annual savings after deducting the auditors compensation.	45% of verified savings	We are currently in conversation with another firm to conduct a similar engagement but have not signed an agreement yet.
Horry	no						
Jasper	yes		Approximately five years ago. It was a two year contract I believe.	yes	We saved approximately \$21,000 over the two year period.		They received 30% of the savings over the two year period.
Kershaw	no						

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Lancaster	no	Not at this time. Duke Power does a periodic review and will meet about their bills on request. Comporium (Lancaster Telephone) does the same on telecommunications.					We did go through an energy audit as part of a guaranteed savings program about 2 years ago. We upgraded HVAC, lighting, etc.
Marion	no	We have not considered it, but have received calls from vendors.					
Oconee	no						
Spartanburg	no	Probably not.					
Sumter	no						