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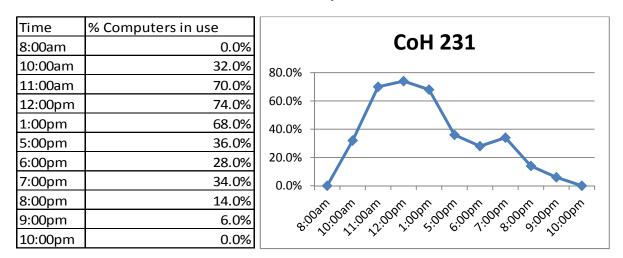
# Killing Watts: Ghost Loads at the University of Colorado Colorado Springs

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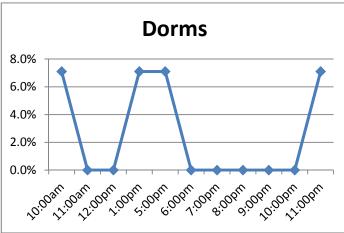
Supplemental data to accompany the original article. This section includes data sets on computer usage for specific computer labs at the University of Colorado Colorado Springs campus and calculations of total costs, CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, and kWh.

#### Appendix I: Computers in Use Data

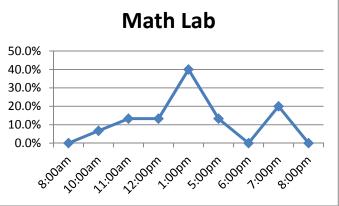


Data for Wednesday, March 18, 2009

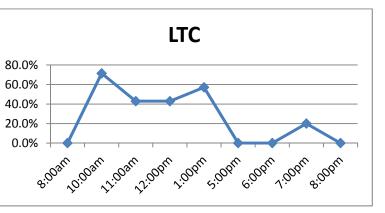
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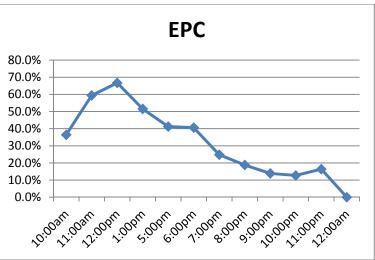
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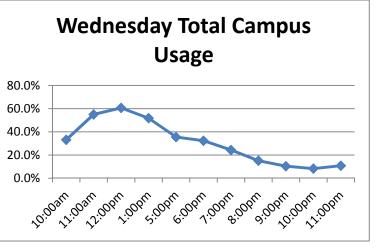
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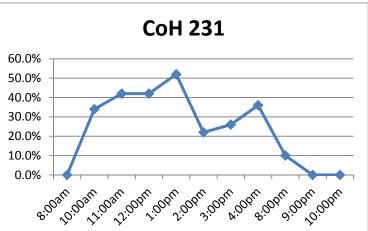
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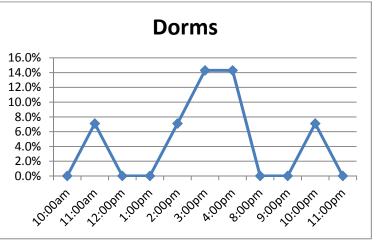
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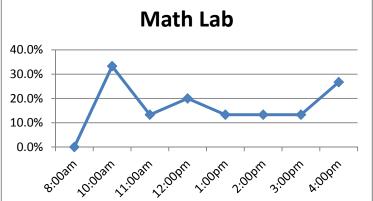
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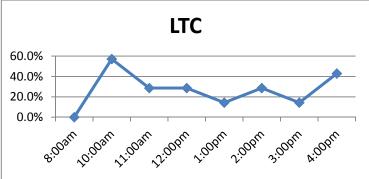
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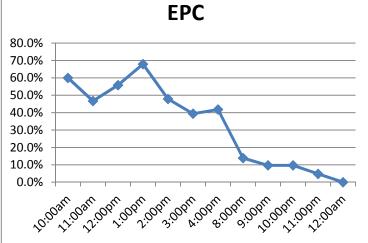
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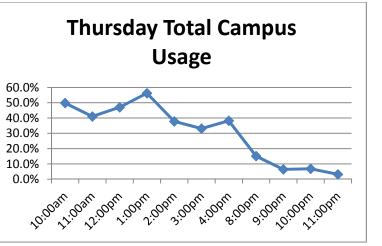
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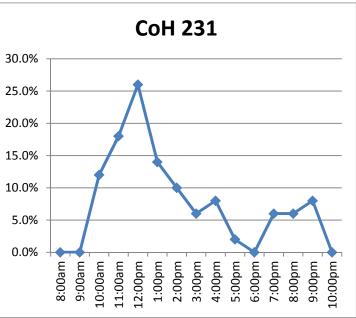


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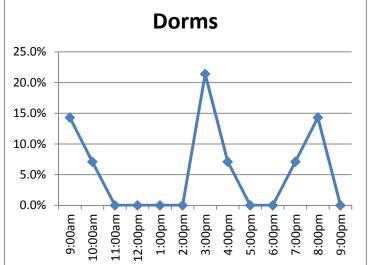


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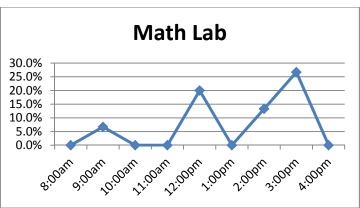
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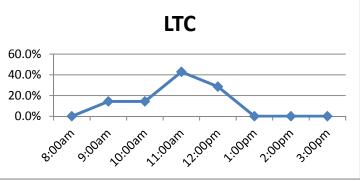
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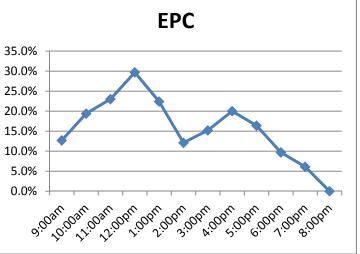
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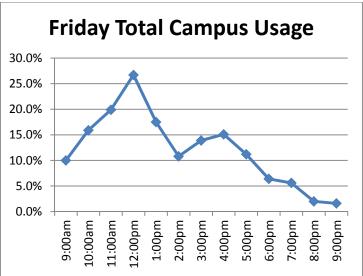
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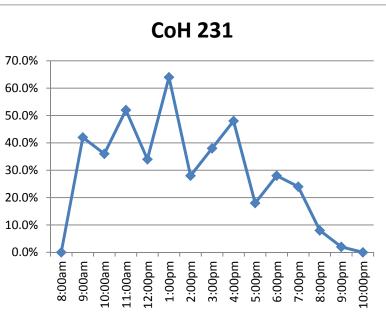


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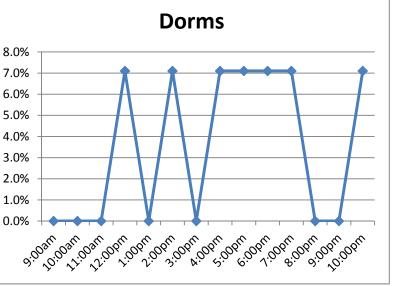


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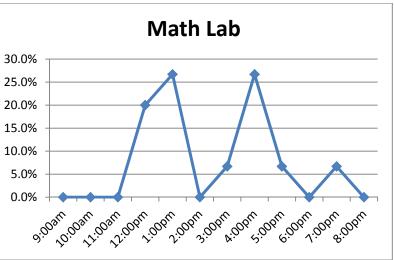
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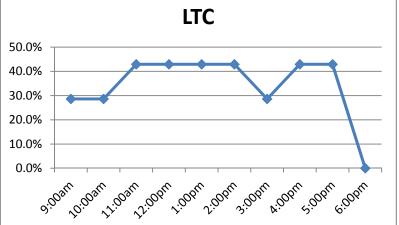
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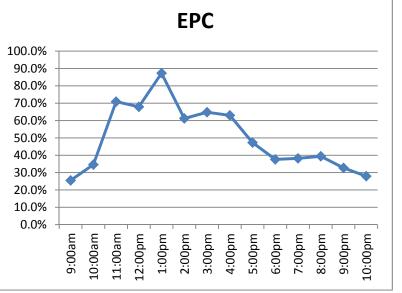
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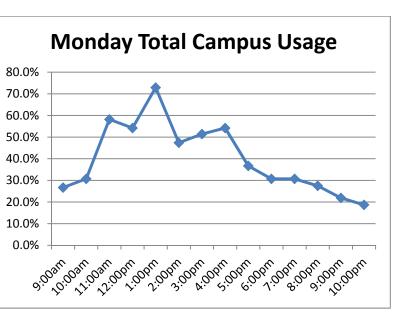
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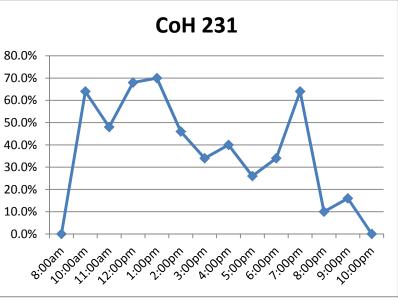


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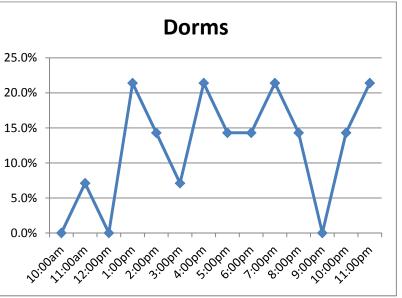


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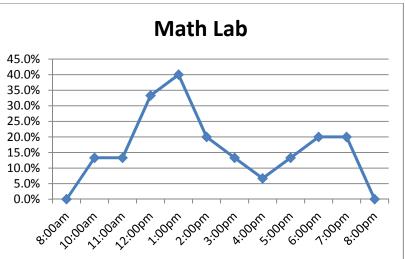
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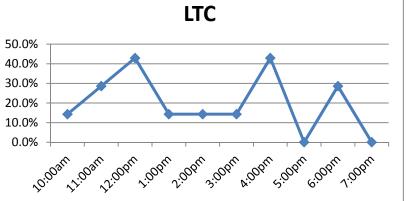
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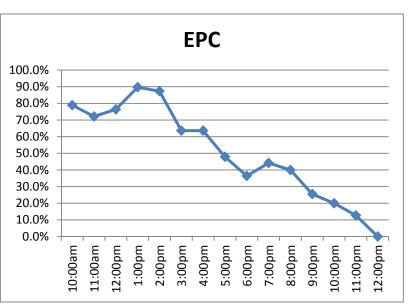
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Cumulative Daily Average

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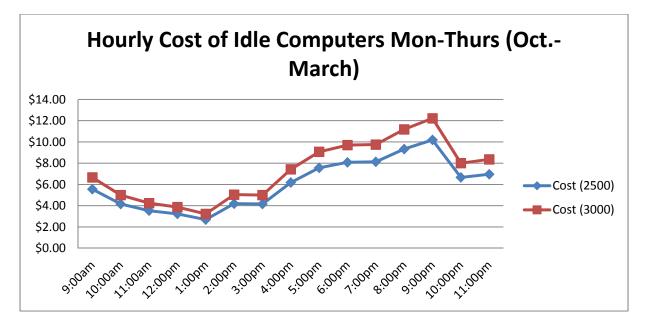
Monday through Thursday Daily Average

# **Appendix II: Cost Calculations**

2500 Computer Energy Consumption	3000 Computer Energy Consumption
91.5 kWh-202.5 kWh	109.8 kWh-243 kWh
Mean:147	Mean: 176.4
Off-Peak Cost per kWh: \$7.57	Off-Peak Cost per kWh: \$9.09
On-Peak Cost per kWh: \$11.94	On-Peak Cost per kWh: \$14.32
Off-Peak per kWh Rate: \$0.0515	On-Peak per kWh Rate: \$0.0812

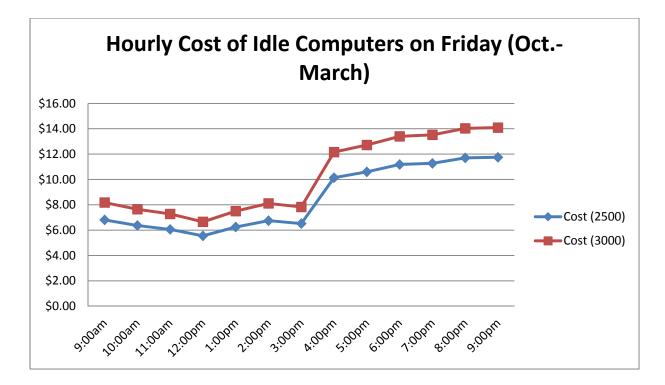
Time	Cost (2500)	Cost (3000)	% Computers Unused on Campus (Mon-Thurs)
9:00am	\$5.55	\$6.66	73.3
10:00am	\$4.16	\$5.00	55
11:00am	\$3.53	\$4.24	46.6
12:00pm	\$3.23	\$3.87	42.6
1:00pm	\$2.69	\$3.23	35.5
2:00pm	\$4.19	\$5.04	55.4
3:00pm	\$4.16	\$5.00	55
4:00pm	\$6.18	\$7.42	51.8
5:00pm	\$7.56	\$9.07	63.3
6:00pm	\$8.08	\$9.70	67.7
7:00pm	\$8.13	\$9.75	68.1
8:00pm	\$9.33	\$11.18	78.1
9:00pm	\$10.19	\$12.22	85.3
10:00pm	\$6.66	\$8.00	88
11:00pm	\$6.96	\$8.36	92
Daily Total Cost	\$90.60	\$108.74	On Peak 4:00pm-10:00pm

### Data for Hourly Cost for Monday - Thursday, October - March



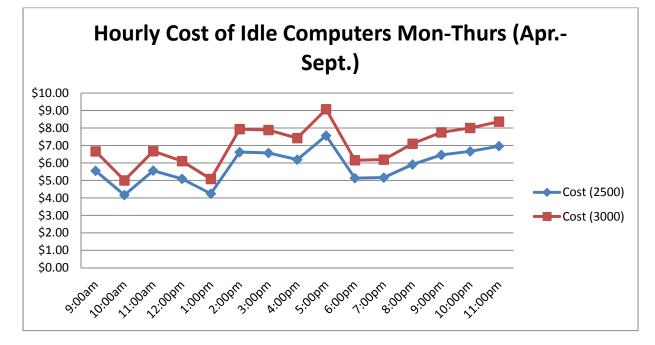
Data for Hourly Cost for Fridays, October - March

Time	Cost (2500)	Cost (3000)	% Computers Unused on Campus (Friday)	
9:00am	\$6.81	\$8.18		90
10:00am	\$6.37	\$7.65		84.1
11:00am	\$6.06	\$7.28		80.1
12:00pm	\$5.55	\$6.66		73.3
1:00pm	\$6.25	\$7.50		82.5
2:00pm	\$6.75	\$8.11		89.2
3:00pm	\$6.52	\$7.83		86.1
4:00pm	\$10.14	\$12.16		84.9
5:00pm	\$10.60	\$12.72		88.8
6:00pm	\$11.18	\$13.40		93.6
7:00pm	\$11.27	\$13.52		94.4
8:00pm	\$11.70	\$14.03		98
9:00pm	\$11.75	\$14.09		98.4
Daily Total Cost	\$110.95	\$133.13	On Peak 4:00pm-10:00pm	



Time	Cost (2500)	Cost (3000)	% Computers Unused on Campus (Mon-Thurs)
9:00am	\$5.55	\$6.66	73.3
10:00am	\$4.16	\$5.00	55
11:00am	\$5.56	\$6.67	46.6
12:00pm	\$5.09	\$6.10	42.6
1:00pm	\$4.24	\$5.08	35.5
2:00pm	\$6.62	\$7.93	55.4
3:00pm	\$6.57	\$7.88	55
4:00pm	\$6.19	\$7.42	51.8
5:00pm	\$7.56	\$9.07	63.3
6:00pm	\$5.13	\$6.15	67.7
7:00pm	\$5.16	\$6.19	68.1
8:00pm	\$5.91	\$7.10	78.1
9:00pm	\$6.46	\$7.75	85.3
10:00pm	\$6.66	\$8.00	88
11:00pm	\$6.96	\$8.36	92
Daily Total Cost	\$87.82	\$105.36	On-Peak 11:00am-6:00pm

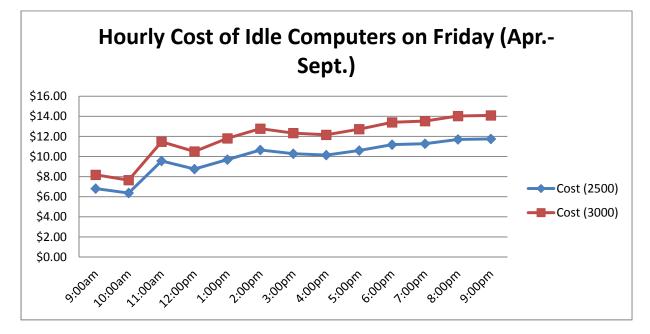
Data for Hourly Cost for Monday - Thursday, April - September



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Time	Cost (2500)	Cost (3000)	% Computers Unused on Campus (Friday)	
9:00am	\$6.81	\$8.18		90
10:00am	\$6.37	\$7.65		84.1
11:00am	\$9.56	\$11.47		80.1
12:00pm	\$8.75	\$10.50		73.3
1:00pm	\$9.69	\$11.81		82.5
2:00pm	\$10.65	\$12.77		89.2
3:00pm	\$10.28	\$12.33		86.1
4:00pm	\$10.14	\$12.16		84.9
5:00pm	\$10.60	\$12.72		88.8
6:00pm	\$11.18	\$13.40		93.6
7:00pm	\$11.27	\$13.52		94.4
8:00pm	\$11.70	\$14.03		98
9:00pm	\$11.75	\$14.09		98.4
Daily Total Cost	\$128.75	\$154.63	On-Peak 11:00am-6:00pm	

Data for Hourly Cost for Fridays, April - September



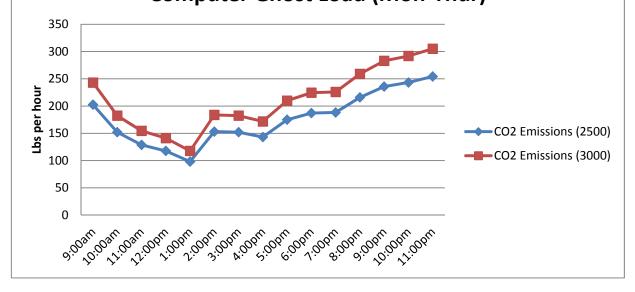
# Appendix III: CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions Calculations

2500 Computer Energy Consumption	3000 Computer Energy Consumption		
91.5 kWh-202.5 kWh	109.8 kWh-243 kWh		
Mean:147	Mean: 176.4		
276.36 lbs/hr 331.63 lbs/hr			
1.88 lbs of CO2 emitted per kWh of electricity consumed			

Monday - Thursday lbs of  $\mathrm{CO}_2$  Emissions Attributable to Computer Ghost Load

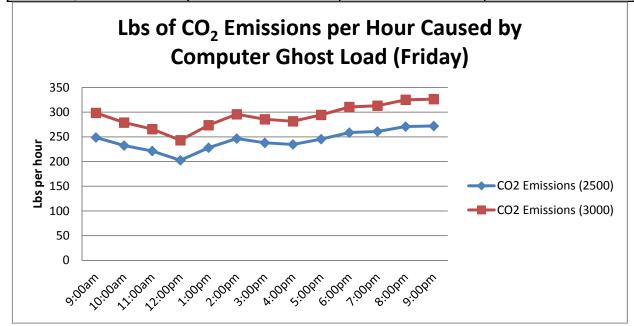
Time	CO2 Emissions (2500)	CO2 Emissions (3000)	% Unused Computers
9:00am	202.57		
10:00am	152	182.4	55
11:00am	128.78	154.54	46.6
12:00pm	117.73	141.27	42.6
1:00pm	98.11	117.73	35.5
2:00pm	153.1	183.72	55.4
3:00pm	152	182.4	55
4:00pm	143.16	171.78	51.8
5:00pm	174.94	209.92	63.3
6:00pm	187.1	224.51	67.7
7:00pm	188.2	225.84	68.1
8:00pm	215.84	259	78.1
9:00pm	235.74	282.88	85.3
10:00pm	243.2	291.83	88
11:00pm	254.25	305.1	92
Total Daily CO2 Emissions	2646.72	3176.01	

Lbs of CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions per Hour Caused by Computer Ghost Load (Mon-Thur)



Friday lbs of CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions Attributable to Computer Ghost Load

Time	CO2 Emissions (2500)	CO2 Emissions (3000)	% Unused Computers
9:00am	248.72	298.47	90
10:00am	232.42	278.9	84.1
11:00am	221.36	265.64	80.1
12:00pm	202.57	243.09	73.3
1:00pm	228	273.6	82.5
2:00pm	246.51	295.81	89.2
3:00pm	237.95	285.53	86.1
4:00pm	234.63	281.55	84.9
5:00pm	245.41	294.49	88.8
6:00pm	258.67	310.41	93.6
7:00pm	260.88	313.06	94.4
8:00pm	270.83	325	98
9:00pm	271.94	326.32	98.4
Total Daily CO2 Emissions	3159.89	3791.87	



### Appendix IV: Total kWh Used Calculations

2500 Computer Energy Consumption	3000 Computer Energy Consumption	
91.5 kWh-202.5 kWh	109.8 kWh-243 kWh	
Mean: 147	Mean: 176.4	

Time	Total kWh/Hour (2500)	Total kWh/Hour (3000)	% Computers unused
9:00am	107.751	129.301	73.3
10:00am	80.850	97.02	55
11:00am	68.502	82.202	46.6
12:00pm	62.622	75.146	42.6
1:00pm	52.185	62.622	35.5
2:00pm	81.438	97.726	55.4
3:00pm	80.850	97.02	55
4:00pm	76.146	91.375	51.8
5:00pm	93.051	111.661	63.3
6:00pm	99.519	119.582	67.7
7:00pm	100.107	120.128	68.1
8:00pm	114.807	137.768	78.1
9:00pm	125.391	150.469	85.3
10:00pm	129.360	155.232	88
11:00pm	135.240	162.288	92
Total Ghost Load (kWh)	1407.819	1689.54	

Monday – Thursday Total kWh Attributed to Ghost Load

Friday Total kWh Attributed to Ghost Load

Time	Total kWh/Hour (2500)	Total kWh/Hour (3000)	% Computers unused
9:00am	132.300	158.76	90
10:00am	123.627	148.352	84.1
11:00am	117.747	141.296	80.1
12:00pm	107.751	129.301	73.3
1:00pm	121.275	145.53	82.5
2:00pm	131.124	157.348	89.2
3:00pm	126.567	151.88	86.1
4:00pm	124.803	149.764	84.9
5:00pm	130.536	156.643	88.8
6:00pm	137.592	165.11	93.6
7:00pm	138.768	166.522	94.4
8:00pm	144.060	172.872	98
9:00pm	144.648	173.578	98.4
Total Ghost Load (kWh)	1680.798	2016.956	