

Energy Analysis in Supermarkets

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ABSTRACT

This study shows, through several analyses, ways to reduce costs with electric power in supermarkets. For this purpose, one of those establishments was visited and several data were collected for subsequent analysis. The results have shown that the combinations of several actions of energy efficiency can be applied when the objective is the reduction of costs with electric power.

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INTRODUCTION

Starting from the extraordinary revision of the tariffs granted by ANEEL (National Agency of Electric power) and the beginning of the validity of the tariff flags in 2015, the price of the electric power suffered an expressive readjustment, with an increase of 51% in Paraná, just on that year. With that, the theme energy efficiency started to have strategic importance for companies' cost controls ¹.

In the sector of supermarkets, the use of the electric power is intensified due to air conditioning (systems of conditioned air), to the refrigerated spaces for conservation of foods that need such specification (cold cameras and freezers), and also to the high number of lamps that the installation needs, among others ².

The lighting of a supermarket represents 23% of the total consumption of energy, second only to the cooling system (38%). Ventilation system equals to 15% of this consumption ³.

Considering that the high bill for energy is a problem for the section of supermarkets. There is the need of accomplishing a study seeking measures of efficiency of energy and actions to be taken to turn the consumption of energy more efficient. And consequently, reducing the expenses of the company, and turning it more competitive. The focus of this work is on the lighting part, migration for the Energy Trading Market and actions that can be requested to the dealership of local energy.

MATERIAL AND METHODS

The first step is a visit to the premises to obtain several essential data for the preparation of the proposed studies, such as the schedule of operation of the analyzed plant, total area of the plant, installed power, lamps data collection.

Equally important is the access to the virtual agency of the energy distributor to which the establishment is connected, so that the data regarding the electric power bills and data of the digital meters of energy can be obtained. From the collection of the data the analyses begin and comparisons made.

Collection of Data

The supermarket of this study is located in the central area of Curitiba-PR. It has an area of approximately 1500 m². Its schedule of operation is from 8am to 10pm, from Monday to Saturday. On Sundays its schedule of operation is from 9am to 9pm. This supermarket is part of a net of 3 other stores. Most of the present lighting is composed by 432 lamps with one light. Those lamps are of the tubular type of 54W fluorescent and each one has a reactor of 6W. Measures were also made in the lightings with a device that measures the luminous incidence in Lux (Luximeter), to check whether their levels are in agreement with the Brazilian norm NBR ISO/CIE 8995-1:2013.

Through the invoices of electric power of the establishment it is observed that this is assisted by the local dealer (COPEL), and it has supply tension in 13,2kV, in the green hourly tariff and with the measurement in low tension ⁴.

Table 1 and Table 2 show the electric quantities invoiced in the last 12 months, and the amounts invoiced by the dealer. Also highlighted is the amount paid according to the current tariff flag for the invoiced month.

Table 1 - Analysis of the billed data of 2015 (Jul / Dec).

		Green Hourly Rate Table - Year 2015											
		<i>Demanda (kW)</i>			<i>Billed</i>		<i>Consumo (kWh)</i>		<i>Load</i>	<i>Unit</i>	<i>Custo (R\$/mês)</i>		<i>Comente</i>
		<i>Contrato</i>	<i>Contract</i>	<i>Measure</i>	<i>Not Used</i>	<i>Used</i>	<i>Reactive</i>	<i>Measure</i>	<i>Factor</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Partial</i>	<i>Custo</i>	
							<i>Sumpluss</i>		<i>(%)</i>	<i>(R\$/kWh)</i>		<i>Total</i>	
<i>Jul</i>	<i>Out</i>	230	229.46	0.54	229	0.00	95 766	380	62.85	0.5936	56 850.02	57 881.17	Red Flag
	<i>Peak</i>		140.52		.46		659	1	7.11	1.5647	1 031.15		R\$ 8 158.68
<i>Ago</i>	<i>Out</i>	230	223.17	6.83	223	0.00	98 475	159	66.45	0.6394	62 967.55	64 299.98	Red Flag
	<i>Peak</i>		162.75		.17		788	0	7.34	1.6909	1 332.42		R\$ 8 382.28
<i>Set</i>	<i>Out</i>	230	223.17	6.83	223	0.00	94 642	82	63.87	0.6297	59 599.52	61 584.48	Red Flag
	<i>Peak</i>		175.94		.17		1 191	0	10.26	1.6666	1 984.96		R\$ 7 798.55
<i>Out</i>	<i>Out</i>	230	234.78	0.00	234	0.00	93 185	63	59.77	0.6176	57 554.45	59 176.47	Yellow Flag
	<i>Peak</i>		174.52		.78		981	0	8.52	1.6534	1 622.02		R\$ 6 420.40
<i>Nov</i>	<i>Out</i>	230	246.59	0.00	246	0.00	102 670	16	62.70	0.6222	63 877.01	0.00	Green Flag
	<i>Peak</i>		1.00		.59		32	0	48.48	1.6600	53.12		R\$ 7 032.12
<i>Dez</i>	<i>Out</i>	230	241.67	0.00	241	0.00	98 185	0	61.19	0.6405	62 888.14	32 568.84	Green Flag
	<i>Peak</i>		1.00		.67		0	0	0.15	0.6105	0.06		R\$ 6 925.27
<i>Average</i>	<i>Out</i>	230	233	2	233	0	97 154	117	62.76	0.6238	60 622.78	61 626.74	
	<i>Peak</i>		109						609	0	8.44		1.4744

Table 2 - Analysis of the billed data of 2016 (Jan / Jul).

Green Hourly Rate Table - Year 2016														
		<i>Demanda (kW)</i>					<i>Consumo (kWh)</i>			<i>Load Factor (%)</i>		<i>Custo (R\$/mês)</i>		<i>Coments</i>
	<i>Contract</i>	<i>Measure</i>	<i>Billed</i>		<i>Reactive</i>	<i>Measure</i>	<i>Reactive</i>	<i>Factor</i>	<i>Unit Cost</i>	<i>Partial</i>	<i>Total Cost</i>			
			<i>Not Used</i>	<i>Used</i>	<i>Sumpluss</i>		<i>Sumpluss</i>	<i>(%)</i>	<i>(R\$/kWh)</i>					
<i>Jan</i>	<i>Out</i>	230	258.79	0.00	258.79	0.00	104 410	8	60.76	0.6451	67 357.26	67 357.26	Red Flag	
	<i>Peak</i>		0.00				0	0	0.00	0.0000	0.00		R\$ 7 374.79	
<i>Fev</i>	<i>Out</i>	230	247.77	0.00	247.77	0.00	105 353	3	64.04	0.6445	67 902.39	67 902.39	Red Flag	
	<i>Peak</i>		0.00				0	0	0.00	0.0000	0.00		R\$ 7 190.12	
<i>Mar</i>	<i>Out</i>	230	246.98	0.00	246.98	0.00	98 382	0	59.99	0.6217	61 166.95	61 183.93	Red Flag	
	<i>Peak</i>		0.00				10	0	0.00	1.6982	16.98		R\$ 4 028.39	
<i>Apr</i>	<i>Out</i>	230	235.17	0.00	235.17	0.00	98 104	0	62.83	0.5885	57 730.30	57 909.95	Yellow Flag	
	<i>Peak</i>		0.00				108	0	0.00	1.6634	179.65		R\$ 2 015.02	
<i>May</i>	<i>Out</i>	230	232.61	0.00	232.61	0.00	97 539	7	63.15	0.5632	54 937.03	55 341.18	Green Flag	
	<i>Peak</i>		57.22				248	0	6.57	1.6296	404.15		R\$ 0.00	
<i>Jun</i>	<i>Out</i>	230	200.73	29.27	200.73	0.00	91 675	0	68.78	0.5628	51 599.08	52 225.75	Green Flag	
	<i>Peak</i>		84.67				385	0	6.89	1.6277	626.67		R\$ 0.00	
<i>Jul</i>	<i>Out</i>	230	205.45	24.55	205.45	0.00	86 202	0	63.19	0.5281	45 522.08	46 589.64	Green Flag	
	<i>Peak</i>		151.49				664	0	6.64	1.6078	1 067.56		R\$ 0.00	
	Out		233				97 381	3	63.08	0.5934	58 030.73			
	Peak	230	42	8	233	0	202	0	7.31	1.1752	327.86	58 358.59		

We can observe from the data of consumption that demand exceeded in the months before the summer and also in the summer months. Because the temperatures are usually higher and there is a larger use of cooling equipment. In the case of a supermarket, there is an increase of the use of the system of air conditioning, as well as the use of freezers and refrigerators. At this time of the year there is a larger search for cold drinks, frozen and ice creams.

It can also be observed that consumption at peak times is practically zero. In other words, this supermarket uses a generator at peak hours to reduce costs at this time, which in the Green Hour Rate is very high in relation to the out of peak tariff.

It is possible to visualize the use of reactive energy, a consequence of low power factor, less than 92%.

That just happened in some months (Jul. to Nov.) 2015. To solve this situation it is recommended to install a capacitor bank or just adjust the time controller, which may be entering the wrong time. In 2016, this problem practically didn't happen, due to the maintenance and/or correct installation of the amount of necessary capacitors.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

With the data of the mass memory obtained from the virtual agency of the dealership, a graph of the measured demand was created every 15 minutes, presented in Figure 1.

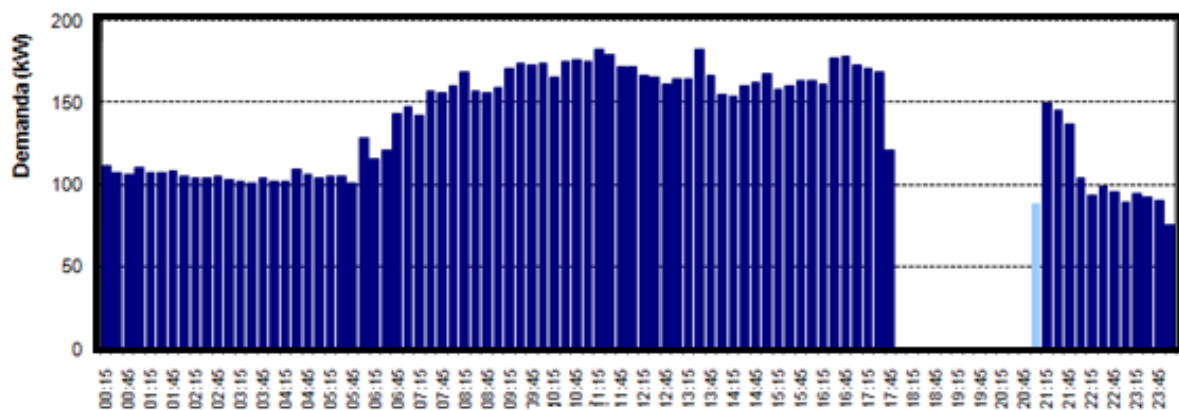


Figure 1 - Graph of Demand.

In Figure 1 we can see that there is no demand data at a particular time, which corresponds to peak hours (usually 3 consecutive hours from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.), since we can confirm that the supermarket is using a generator to supply energy at this time.

Study of Economy with the Best Tariff Framework

For the choice of the best tariff option, a spreadsheet that calculates the monthly cost for the two tariff options: green or blue (Table 3) was used. In Table 3, the demand and the active and reactive consumption are input data. And the output data are the monthly cost in Real (R\$) and the cost for MWh (R\$/MWh).

Some premises were adopted in the completion of the spreadsheet. Firstly in the line (A) we have the contracted demand in the peak being equal to out of peak. In (B) we have something similar where the measured demand in the peak was considered as equal to out of peak. Another measure adopted in the line (C) was considered for the

consumption of peak as being 17.16 % of the consumption out of peak, as data obtained through the analyzer of energy. That consumption cannot be observed in the energy bills due to the fact that Supermarket "A" uses generator in the period of peak. In the columns "Green Tariff" and "Blue Tariff" are the value in Real (R\$) for each portion of the calculation. And in line (D), we have the final result that is the sum of those portions and the final value of the cost of energy for the two tariff options. Finally, the used taxes were PIS 1%, COFINS 4,7% and ICMS 29%, together with the updated tariffs concerning homologation resolution number 2,096⁵.

Table 3 - Tariff Option.

		Rate Comparative		Green Tariff		Blue Tariff	
		Contract (kW)		Billed (not used)		Billed (not used)	
Demand	(a)	Peak		Peak		Peak	
		Out Time		Out Time		Out Time	
		230	230	0,00	0	0,00	0,00
	Mesure (kW)	Billed		Billed		Billed	
Consumption	(b)	Peak		Peak		Peak	
		Out Time		Out Time		Out Time	
		241,67	241,67	4.318,68	0	4.318,68	10.800,79
	Active (kWh)	Billed		Billed		Billed	
Cost	(c)	Peak		Peak		Peak	
		Out Time		Out Time		Out Time	
		98185	9818,5	42.319,55	15.714,45	42.319,55	6.012,77
	Reactive Sumplus	Billed		Billed		Billed	
Cost	(d)	Peak		Peak		Peak	
		Out Time		Out Time		Out Time	
		0	0	0,00	0	0,00	0
	TOTAL	R\$	62.352,68	R\$	63.451,80		
	Average Price (R\$/MWh)	577,32		587,50			
	Load Factor	Out	Peak Time	Out	Peak Time		
		61%	62%	61%	62%		

Through Table 3 a monthly simulation in a period of one year was performed, to check which option would give the lowest cost. Table 4 shows the results of these simulations.

Table 4 - Comparative Results between Green Tariff and Blue Tariff.

Month	Green Tariff	Blue Tariff
jul/15	R\$ 72.643,59	R\$ 65.291,38
aug/15	R\$ 69.959,49	R\$ 63.252,22
sep/15	R\$ 69.050,48	R\$ 62.866,64
oct/15	R\$ 76.420,00	R\$ 70.459,80
nov/15	R\$ 73.040,64	R\$ 67.238,13
dez/15	R\$ 78.230,33	R\$ 73.457,61
jan/16	R\$ 78.356,05	R\$ 72.087,57
fev/16	R\$ 73.436,21	R\$ 68.244,82
mar/16	R\$ 72.501,36	R\$ 65.505,63
apr/18	R\$ 72.064,32	R\$ 65.060,11
may/16	R\$ 67.770,22	R\$ 61.283,08
jun/16	R\$ 63.961,17	R\$ 58.453,62
Total:	R\$ 867.433,86	R\$ 793.200,61
Best Rate Option		Blue Tariff
Annual Savings		8,56%
		R\$ 74.233,25

It can be observed at the end of Table 4 the annual economy, that it is the sum of the costs of the simulation in the period of one year. The best tariff option for the Supermarket "A" is the blue tariff, that gives a total amount of R\$ 74,233.25 less in one year in relation to the green tariff.

Study of Economy with Implantation of Led Lamps

The period of Payback is the time that a project takes to pay itself. It is one of the simplest procedures to obtain an estimate of time of return and it is very much used by companies, for presenting options of projects in which the invested capital returns as soon as possible.

The monthly economy obtained by the implantation of the lighting using LEDs is given by (1).

$$\text{Economy} = (\text{R. C. Fluorescent Lamp.} + \text{C. E. E. Fluorescent Lamp.}) - (\text{R. C. LED} + \text{C. E. E. LED}) \quad (1)$$

Where R.C. = Monthly Replacement Cost and C.E.E. = Monthly Cost of Electrical Energy.

In this study, it is proposed the replacement of 432 fluorescent lamps (T5 - 1200mm), with potency of 54 W + 6 W of the reactor. And with installed total potency of 25.92 kW, daily operation of 14 hours (22 days of peak and 30 days out of peak) and monthly total consumption of 10,265.32 kWh.

The proposal is to use lamps of LED of 30 W to replace the fluorescent lamps of 54 W. The new installed total potency would be 12.96 kW and it would have a monthly total consumption of 5,132.16 kWh.

The value of the tariff paid by the Supermarket "A" in the period of peak is R\$ 1.6078 / kWh and out of peak it is R\$ 0.5281 / kWh (as for 07/2016 plus taxes). These data were obtained from the unit cost of the hourly rate green peak and out of peak. Therefore, with this action the obtained monthly economy would be R\$ 4.034,15. The payback of the system can be expressed by (2):

$$\text{Payback} = \frac{\text{Total cost of implantation}}{\text{Monthly Economy}} \quad (2)$$

The cost of each one of the LED lamps is of R\$ 79.90. The cost of labor for the installation is R\$ 15.00 per lamp. And the cost of discard of the old lamps is R\$ 0.60 per lamp, totaling a cost of implantation R\$ 41,256.00. Therefore, it is considered that the payback of the lighting system using LED lamps is approximately 10.2 months.

Study of Economy with the Migration to the Energy Trading Market

From January 2015 to July 2016, the amount of free consumers increased 81%. Considering the migrations already programmed for the next semester, the quantity of free consumers should reach a total greater than 3.220 until the end of 2016. With this scenery, the Energy Trading Market of energy receives, on average, 100 new customers a month. In this situation, the number of companies that negotiate their own energy should double by the end of 2017, estimates ⁶.

The decrease in the price of the energy is the great reason of the increase of migration of the companies, but it is not the only one. The free consumer starts to negotiate supply contracts directly with energy generators or traders, with price, period and indexes of readjustment previously set, explains Mr. Cristopher Vlavianos, president of Comerc. This gives predictability of cost to the consumer, who already knows how

much s/he will pay for energy during the term of the contract, without surprises at the end of the month ⁶.

In view of this attractive scenario, a study was carried out for Supermarket "A", which shows what its economy would be if it joined the Free Energy Market.

Companies with equal or demand to 500 kW, per unit or with the sum of units with same CNPJ, can acquire energy generated by renewable sources, such as hydroelectric power stations of small size (SHPs), thermoelectric plants that use biomass, wind power sources, among others. As the sum of the three units of this supermarket chain corresponds to 530 kW, these can fit as special consumers.

Because it is a special consumer (demand between 500 kW and 3,000 kW) and consumes energy from alternative sources, this type of profile receives a 50% discount on the TUSD (Tariff for Use of Electric Distribution Systems).

The total consumption of this unit was made based on the average of the last 12 months of billing recorded by the dealer. For consumption at the peak, as Supermarket "A" uses a generator, we use a value of 17.16% of consumption out of peak.

As the purchase of the energy in the Energy Trading Market is made through MWm (average Megawatt), the average Megawatt was calculated considering the total consumption (Out of Peak + Peak) in MWh and divided by the medium number of hours in one month (730 hours). The value of 0.1646 MWm was obtained. This value is very important to know the necessary amount to contract energy from generators or energy traders in possible auctions.

In the simulations, it was decided to adopt a value of 0.16 MWm due to the fact that energy traders adopt flexibility limits in contracting energy, with average values of 20% either for more or less, thus making the value chosen for the Simulations sufficient to supply the consumption of Supermarket "A" and this consumption is within the flexibility. Also, 3% of generation losses were considered. This value is standardized, taking the total of the consumption (peak + out of peak) and increasing 3%. Table 5 displays a summary of the data used in the calculations of the Energy Trading Market.

Table 5 - Data for simulation in the Energy Trading Market.

Supermarket "A"	
Concessionaire	Copel
Subgroup	A4
Current Rate	Green
Energy Trading Market	Blue
Type of Energy	Encouraged
Discount on TUSD	50%
MWm	0,16
Generation Loss	3%
Peak Consumption (kWh)	16.693
Out of Peak Consumption (kWh)	97.276
Demand (KW)	240

Table 6 was used for the calculation of the migration viability to the Energy Trading Market of energy, admitting the data of the Table 5 as input data to make calculations and to comparing the captive market with the Energy Trading Market.

Table 6 displays how the calculation of the values of the Energy Trading Market is made, indicating separately the values of the distribution and of the generation which have their own tariffs.

Table 7 compares the different prices of the energy in the Energy Trading Market. We can observe that the value of the captive market remains always the same as the tariff of use of the system and the tariff of energy have fixed prices, according to homologation resolution n° 2,096. The value of the Energy Trading Market, on the other hand, depends on the value of the contracted energy.

With the values of energy used in the simulation (from R\$ 150.00/MWh to R\$ 250.00/MWh), it is possible to have an idea of the percentage of possible economy after the migration to the Energy Trading Market.

In Table 7, the line where the value 210 is found, corresponds to the price R\$/MWh of the energy. It is highlighted because it is exactly the value used in the example of Table 6. In Table 6 the value 0.21 appears circled, and this corresponds to the transformation of 210 R\$/MWh in 0.21 R\$/kWh, due to the fact that the data of the consumption are all in kWh. To complete Table 6, the variation of these values from 0.15 up to 0.25 was calculated, corresponding to 150 R\$/MWh up to 250 R\$/MWh, and transferred to Table 7.

For the company to enter the Energy Trading Market of Energy, it is necessary to communicate Copel, with at least 180 days before the expiration of the energy supply agreement, that the client does not want the automatic renewal. It is also necessary the adaptation of the metering and billing system to the standards required by CCEE (Electric Energy Trading Chamber).

Table 6 - Blue Captive Market x Blue Energy Trading Market.

Captive Market - Blue							
			Values		Tariff	Total	
COPEL	Consumption	Out of Peak	97.276	x	0,42772	R\$ 41.606,72	
		Peak Time	16.693	x	0,6077	R\$ 10.144,12	
	Demand	Out of Peak	240	x	16,1715	R\$ 3.881,16	
		Peak Time	240	x	40,4441	R\$ 9.706,58	
					Total	R\$ 65.338,59	
Energy Trading Market - Blue							
			Values		Tariff	Total	
Distribution (COPEL)	Consumo	Out of Peak	97.276	x	0,08838	R\$ 8.596,93	
		Peak Time	16.693	x	0,08838	R\$ 1.475,23	
	Demanda	Out of Peak	240	x	8,08576	R\$ 1.940,58	
		Peak Time	240	x	20,2221	R\$ 4.853,29	
		Taxes			816	R\$ 816,00	
Generation (Marketer)	Consumption + loss		117.388	x	0,210	R\$ 24.651,40	
	Tax Generation	113.969	x	0,408	x	0,210	R\$ 9.775,61
	Charges CCEE		113.969	x	0,005		R\$ 569,84
					Total	R\$ 52.678,90	
Projection of Economy							
Economy = Captive Market - Energy Trading Market						R\$ 12.659,69	
						19,38%	

Table 7 - Obtained economy varying the prices of the energy in the Energy Trading Market.

Price R\$/MWh	Captive (R\$)	Energy Trading Market (R\$)	Economy	
			R\$	%
150	65.338,59	42.842,61	22.495,98	34,43%
160	65.338,59	44.481,99	20.856,59	31,92%
170	65.338,59	46.121,37	19.217,21	29,41%
180	65.338,59	47.760,75	17.577,83	26,90%
190	65.338,59	49.400,13	15.938,45	24,39%
200	65.338,59	51.039,52	14.299,07	21,88%
210	65.338,59	52.678,90	12.659,69	19,38%
220	65.338,59	54.318,28	11.020,31	16,87%
230	65.338,59	55.957,66	9.380,92	14,36%
240	65.338,59	57.597,04	7.741,54	11,85%
250	65.338,59	59.236,42	6.102,16	9,34%

CONCLUSIONS

This research was carried out in several stages. The first step was to carry out a survey of the data of Supermarket "A", so that visits to the installation and measurements in the place and consultation in the virtual system of the concessionaire were allowed. With the data collected we were able to carry out the various studies presented.

The analyzes of the electric energy bills showed that there were several overtakes in demand, so a study was carried out which indicated the ideal demand to be contracted, of 237 kW, projecting the costs with this new demand an annual saving of R\$ 1,868.70 can be obtained. Also, through the invoice analysis data, a tariff study was carried out, in order to choose the best rate modality. This study showed that the blue modality is the most appropriate to the "A" Supermarket. At the end of this stage, the annual savings of R \$ 74,233.25 were presented, representing a difference of 8.56% of the blue tariff compared to the green tariff.

In another tariff approach, the feasibility study of migration to the free energy market was carried out. The results showed a monthly saving, depending on the value of the energy purchased. In financial terms this represents amounts ranging from 9.34% to 34.43% of the current electricity bill.

With the data collection and the simulation of the "A" Supermarket lighting system, it was evidenced that substitutions can be made for the 432 current 54 W fluorescent lamps with 30 W LED bulbs. This change would bring a monthly economy of R \$ 4,034.15. With the aim of knowing the time of return of the investment, in case that substitution is accomplished, we reached the conclusion that the payback is approximately 10.2 months.

The values mentioned in the text above are summarized in Table 8. The total sums projected for a month and a year are also displayed.

Table 8 - Summary of Savings.

Economy:	Value:
Demand Ajustement (Yearly)	R\$ 1.868,70
Change to Blue Rate (Yearly)	R\$ 74.233,25
Energy Trading Market (Monthly)	R\$ 12.659,69
Light Switch (Monthly)	R\$ 4.034,15
Total (Monthly)	R\$ 23.035,67
Total (Yearly)	R\$ 276.428,03

Table 9 shows the simulation of the results before and after making the adjustments mentioned in the course of this work, projected for one month.

Table 9 - Results of Simulation.

Results of Simulation	
Total Paid (Average of the last 12 months)	R\$ 60.032,44
Total Paid (Adjustment cited)	R\$ 43.182,87
Total (Monthly)	R\$ 16.849,57
	28,07%

Finally, we can conclude that there are different ways of achieving savings and improving energy efficiency in a supermarket. Some actions do not require financial investment, as is the case of contracting demand and choosing the rate option. But others require an initial investment, which is paid over time, as was shown in the work with the study of lamp replacement. Thus, what should be done is the combination of the greatest number of possible actions to minimize costs and increase energy efficiency.

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