



RMA TRADE

RMA ENERGY PROGRAM:

DISTRIBUTION AND TRANSMISSION COST REVIEW SERVICE

Every customer pays distribution and transmission (D&T) costs for the supply of electricity and natural gas to its facilities. Although D&T costs are regulated, they have been steadily increasing in recent years, particularly for electricity, and now make up a significant portion of your energy bill, sometimes totaling **over 60% of the final billing amount**.

It is important for members to understand the D&T billing components as there are **potential savings opportunities** within this expense line. Potential areas of review include:

To help RMA members manage their D&T costs appropriately, our trusted energy management partner, **8760**, will provide a D&T cost review service upon request. Based on initial work that has been completed with some of our members, the potential cost savings could be significant.

- Rate classifications
- Billed/contracted demand levels
- Rate riders
- Metering irregularities
- Peak demand levels
- Efficiency of power usage

Here is what members are saying about this service:

*"We retained 8760 to perform a review of the D&T costs to deliver electricity and natural gas to our facilities. **Their process was simple, and required minimal time and effort from myself and my staff.** They provided a professional looking and comprehensive report of their findings for our review and approval. In our case **their review identified opportunities to reduce D&T costs by approximately 17%, or about \$27,000 per year.** I would recommend giving the D&T service an opportunity to review your organization's costs as some savings may be realized. Should no cost savings be identified, you can be reassured that the D&T costs are being appropriately charged."*

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