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Effective energy consumption involves decision making that lead to the quality usage at lower operating costs. In a learning institution, energy consumption depends on the electrical equipment used, programmesschedules, number of users and facilities which equip various electrical loads. Cavite State University has shifted from a five-day work week schedule to a four-day workweek schedule to save energy consumption in all its units. Hence, the study aimed to determine which schedule in the Cavite State University is better by comparing and analyzing the energy consumptions between a five-day and a four-day work week (2004-2013).

Electric bills were obtained from the University Records Office for comparison and were used to analyze the energy consumptions between the two schedules. The analysis was done through comparison of the past electric bills of the university from AY 2007-2008 and AY 2008-2009 which involved both schedules. The conduct proper was held from January 21-30, 2014 by inspection and monitoring of ten selected buildings in the university. A clamp on-ammeter and a multimeter were installed to determine which building among the ten monitored buildings consumed greater amount of energy.

Findings revealed that the four-day work week schedule was found better than the use of the five-day work week schedule in terms of energy consumption. Statistics showed that the tabulated t-value 0.0391 of was lesser than the computed t – value of 1.591 at 0.05 level of significance. This means that there was no significant difference on the energy consumption between the two schedules of the involved academic years. However, a four day work week schedule was still considered better than a five-day work week schedule because if all the buildings were constructed and operated during the five-day work week schedule with the increasing population in the university, the energy consumption would have doubled during that time.

The data contained in this study serve to provide users a better understanding of a five-day and four-day workweek making it easier to determine a suitable schedule to meet the lowest power budget. Energy consumption is highly dependent on the individual user's application; however, this study focused on providing several comparisons on two usages in a large population.

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INTRODUCTION

Energy consumption is generally the amount of electric power which is completely used up, destroyed, incorporated, or transformed into another form of energy after being generated, transmitted and distributed in a specific area in a particular period of time. The discrepancy between the amount of electricity generated and/or imported and the amount consumed and/or exported is accounted for as loss in transmission and distributions. The discovery of electrical energy has contributed much for the improvement of modern technology. Energy quality broadly encompasses the entire scope of interaction among electrical suppliers, the environment, the systems and products energized, and the users of those systems and products. It is more than the delivery of clean electric power that complies with industry standards. It involves the maintainability of that power, the design, selection, and the installation of every piece of hardware and software in the electrical energy system. Stretching from the generation plant to