

Save Your Pennies

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In case you haven't noticed, **copper prices** are up, way up.



Electrical, voice and data wiring, and plumbing prices involving any copper are up.

What impact will this have on your enterprise, what are your alternative strategies and how will this impact space planning and the constant whirl of moving offices and walls?

Short answer is negatively and you will pay more for less.

This is another trickle down effect of high energy costs and while energy is in greater demand and with **China's consumption** booming out of sight, the **supplies of oil are still limited**. Who gets oil and how much at what cost is going to be a story that probably turns ugly.

Whatever we do it must include motion. Meaning everything we do now to conserve energy will buy us more time until we have our own solutions to the energy problem.

The construction process could change. First, ripping out old wiring and prior tenants wares could become the exception not the rule. Pulling this off is another quest.

Then, along the lines of crunching the energy budget- doesn't it make sense to do the same with the public network as with the convergence efforts that enterprise and even with Mom and Pop businesses are doing now? The over building of networks and monies invested seem to have been swallowed up into some black hole. How many phone companies and ISPs do we really need? Competition can go so far and as far as I'm concerned I've had enough of my retirement money drained into the same black hole by the so called "competition." I know there's got to be some relation between "competition" and "Social Security" because those funds are in that same black hole too.

Perhaps adding a wee bit more intelligence to the network be it local, wide area, public, wireless or two cans and a string seems to make sense if that intelligence will trigger power on, power off with the gracefulness of the Karate Kid making those waxing on and waxing off moves. So the idea is to use the network when it's needed. Networks are for the most part operating 24x7. How much excess power could we shed by using such a technology?

Applying convergence theory to other walks of life is sure to bring about savings and benefits.

But it all comes back to how can we use what we have when we need it and when we want it without it being powered on 24x7? Then after we've encountered the struggles of power, resources and time maybe we can extend the reserve of natural resources to another generation.

Save your pennies. You'll need them to power your networks.

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