

## AWS Cost Review — Sample Findings Excerpt

**About this sample.** One page from the ranked savings backlog an Uptempo Cloud Cost Review delivers, produced against a demonstration AWS environment (the same fictional "Northbound" estate as our sample Well-Architected report — roughly \$86,000/month). It is not client work. A real backlog lists every finding with resource IDs, the exact console/CLI/Terraform change, and a validation step; this excerpt shows the shape and the ranking discipline.

### Ranked savings backlog (excerpt — 8 of 23 findings)

#	Finding	Est. monthly savings	Effort	Risk of change	First step
1	Two stopped-but-provisioned RDS instances from a 2024 migration test	\$1,900	15 min	None (snapshot, then delete)	Snapshot + delete; retain snapshots 30 days
2	Staging fleet sized 1:1 with production, 4% average CPU	\$2,000	Half day	Low	Right-size to 25%; schedule off nights/weekends
3	Zero commitment coverage on an 11-month-stable baseline	\$750-\$900	1 hour	Low (1-yr no-upfront, sized to 80% of floor)	Buy AFTER items 1-2 shrink the baseline
4	23 unattached EBS volumes + 400 orphaned snapshots	\$1,100	2 hours	None	Tag-and-delete sweep with 30-day grace list
5	All 41 volumes on gp2 (gp3 ~20% cheaper, equal performance here)	\$640	Scripted, online	None	Batch-modify; watch two IOPS-heavy volumes
6	14 TB of application logs in S3 Standard, growing, no lifecycle	\$580	1 hour	None	Lifecycle: IA at 30 days, Glacier at 180
7	NAT gateway processing 9 TB/month of same-region S3	\$410	Half day	Low	Gateway VPC endpoint for S3

	traffic				
8	m4/r4/t2 fleets (previous generation, worse price-performance)	\$520	Rolling restart	Low	Launch-template family bump; canary first

Excerpt total: **~\$7,900-\$8,050/month** (~11% of spend) across eight findings. The full backlog for this estate identifies \$11,300/month. Items are ranked by savings ÷ (effort × risk) — the top four are recoverable within the first week without a maintenance window.

## What the full Cost Review delivers

- The complete ranked backlog (CSV + written report) with resource IDs, exact changes, and validation steps — your team can execute it without us.
- A written explanation of what drove the bill's growth, suitable for a board or budget owner.
- Commitment strategy (Savings Plans / Reserved) sized to the post-cleanup floor — never before it.
- A 60-minute walkthrough, and the same backlog re-scored at a 90-day check-in.

Fixed price, read-only access (Cost & Usage Report, Cost Explorer, CloudWatch), 5-7 days from access to walkthrough.

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