

Orange County's clean energy provider

Orange County Power Authority (OCA) delivers on the promise to provide renewable energy at competitive rates

OCPA's most recent 2023 Power Content Label shows that energy purchased on behalf of customers was 86% renewable and 81% carbon free.

In two years, OCPA has reduced carbon emissions by over 2 billion pounds. That's like taking more than 221,000 gas-fueled cars off the roads.

OCPA offers three renewable energy plans so that customers can choose the one that works best for them including one that costs 3% less than Southern California Edison's (SCE) equivalent generation rate.

For those who can and want to do more to reduce carbon emissions, they can enroll in the Smart Choice or 100% Renewable Energy plans.

OCPA purchases renewable energy on behalf of its customers, while Southern California Edison (SCE) continues to deliver energy to homes and businesses

OCPA purchases the energy that customers use, this appears on the bill as "generation" charges.

SCE delivers to customers the energy that OCPA purchases, this appears on the bill as "delivery" charges.

Not-for-profit renewable energy providers, like OCPA, are accelerating the clean energy transition

OCPA is one of 25 Community Choice Aggregators (CCA) in California purchasing more renewable energy to put onto the electrical grid at a faster rate than the for-profit utilities.

As more clean energy is put on the electric grid, the blend of clean energy reaching all homes and businesses will be greener over time. This process is reducing carbon emissions throughout California.

OCPA is one of the cleanest and greenest community energy providers in California

OCPA has been nationally recognized as a Top Green Power Provider by the National Renewable Energy Laboratory for two years in a row.

OCPA exceeds the mandatory state requirements for the purchase of renewable energy and also exceeds its voluntary renewable energy goals for each renewable energy plan.

OCPA purchases renewable and carbon-free energy including solar, wind, geothermal, hydropower, and biomass on behalf of its customers.

How clean energy procured by OCPA gets to customers

OCPA buys the amount of energy that customers use, including the amount of clean energy designated in their selected plans. This electricity is fed onto the statewide electric grid and then moves to customers through infrastructure (poles and wires) owned by SCE.

OCPA puts more renewable energy onto the electric grid at a faster rate than the for-profit utilities.

As more renewable energy goes onto the electric grid, the blend of energy reaching homes and businesses is greener. This is helping the state of California reach its clean energy goals.

All customers receive the same blend of energy to their homes. OCPA customers are greening the grid over time for everyone, decreasing carbon emissions.

OCPA is committed to affordability

OCPA's Basic Choice plan costs 3% less than SCE's equivalent generation rate.

This cost – for the energy used by a customer – is listed on the bill as “generation.”

Total customer bills also include “transmission and delivery” charges from SCE.

In two years of service, OCPA's Basic Choice customers have saved over \$2.9 million.

In 2023 alone, the 25 CCAs across California saved electricity customers roughly \$760 million compared to the investor-owned utilities.

Throughout California, community energy providers are working collectively at the state and federal level to save customers money.

OCPA customers remain eligible for low-income programs, including California's Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE) and Family Electric Rate Assistance (FERA) rate discounts.

OCPA reinvests revenue back into its member communities

OCPA reinvests revenue into its member communities through energy efficiency programs including grants, home energy upgrades, and credit for excess solar energy.

Community energy providers in California have also leveraged green bonds to save money on energy purchases, and pass along the savings to customers on their electricity bills.

For solar customers, OCPA's net surplus compensation rate (NSC) is 10% higher than SCE's prevailing NSC rate

OCPA solar customers who produce more energy than they use in a 12-month period receive 10% more for the surplus clean energy they add to the grid than they would with SCE.

OCPA is fiscally responsible

OCPA's most recent independent audit highlighted OCPA's "strong financial health."

OCPA's solid financial performance helps protect customers from unexpected energy cost increases and ensures competitive electricity generation rates.

The audit indicates strong accuracy and reliability in OCPA's financial reporting.

This latest audit echoes OCPA's previous three "clean audit opinions."

OCPA's rigorous financial planning and procurement practices strive to protect customers from rate volatility.

OCPA has been recognized locally and nationally

Honorable Mention, Southern California Association of Governments' Sustainability Award "Green Region Initiative: Climate Action and Resource Conservation" (2024).

Leader in Sustainability Honoree, *Orange County Business Journal* (2024).

Environmental, Social, Governance Honoree, *Orange County Business Journal* (2023).

Top U.S. Green Power Provider, National Renewable Energy Laboratory (2023, 2024).

Elevate Award, Filipino American Chamber of Orange County (2023, 2024).

Clean Energy Partner of the Year, Asian Business Association of Orange County (2024).

Sustainability Advocate of the Year, Asian Business Association of Orange County (2023)

Community Impact Award, Iranian American Chamber of Commerce (2024).

OCPA is committed to transparency and awareness

OCPA has a robust marketing and public outreach program to continue raising awareness of OCPA's clean energy mission and goals.

SCE renewable energy plans are not open for enrollment

SCE has a Green Tariff Shared Renewables program (Green Rate program) that allows customers the opportunity to purchase more energy from renewable sources.

The volume of interest for the Green Rate program has exceeded the amount of capacity available from approved Green Rate resources.

Until new Green Rate resources are contracted, or otherwise ordered, or authorized by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), SCE will maintain a wait list of customers interested in participating in the Green Rate program.

Out of approximately 5 million accounts in the full SCE service area, approximately 3,000 accounts are enrolled in the Green Rate program.

OCPA has the ability to procure as much renewable energy as customers desire based on their selected OCPA renewable energy plan.

For more information, visit ocpower.org

