

AGENDA

ORANGE COUNTY POWER AUTHORITY SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**Monday, January 26, 2026
11:30 a.m.**

This meeting will proceed as an in-person meeting at 15310 Barranca Parkway, Suite 250, Irvine, CA 92618. In addition, as a convenience to the public, the Orange County Power Authority is providing an option for members of the public to remotely view and participate in the meeting. Further details are below. Please note that, in the event of a technical issue causing a disruption in the remote participation option, the meeting may continue unless otherwise required by law.

Note: Any member of the public may provide comments to the Orange County Power Authority Board of Directors on any agenda items by requesting to speak during Item 4. When providing comments to the Board, it is requested that you provide your name and city of residence for the record. Commenters are requested to address their comments to the Board as a whole through the Chair. Comments may be provided in the following manner:

To provide comments during the meeting, in-person attendees, please fill out the public speaker slip and provide it to the clerk at the beginning of the meeting. Before Item 4, the Chair or Clerk will ask members of the public to join the queue to provide public comment. The queue will remain open for a reasonable amount of time to allow members of the public sufficient time to request to speak and inform the Board of the number of speakers. After such time, the queue will be closed and the members of the public who have joined the queue to speak will be recognized at the appropriate time may speak. To join the queue on Zoom video conference by computer or mobile phone, use the “Raise Hand” feature. If joining the meeting using the Zoom dial-in number, you can raise your hand and join the queue by pressing *9. Members of the public will not be shown on video but will be able to speak when called upon.

Comments shall generally be limited to three minutes when speaking, provided that the Chair may equally reduce each speaker’s time to accommodate a large number of speakers or a large number of agenda items. If you have anything that you wish to be distributed to the Board, please provide it via comments@ocpower.org, who will distribute the information to the Members.

The public may participate using the following remote options:

ZOOM WEBINAR

Please click the link below to join the webinar:

[Launch Meeting - Zoom](#)

Dial-in: 1-669-900-6833

Webinar ID: 814 2651 3602

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **ROLL CALL**
4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS**
Opportunity for members of the public to address the Board on any items on the agenda.
5. **2026 RATE STABILIZATION COMMUNICATIONS AND ENGAGEMENT PLAN**

Recommended Actions:
Receive and discuss the presentation and provide feedback to staff.
6. **ADJOURNMENT**

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Availability of Board Documents

Copies of the agenda and agenda packet are available at www.ocpower.org. Late-arriving documents related to a Board meeting item which are distributed to a majority of the Board prior to or during the Board meeting are available for public review as required by law. Public records, including agenda-related documents, can be requested electronically at clerk@ocpower.org or by mail to 15642 Sand Canyon Avenue, P.O. Box 54283, Irvine, CA 92619-4283. The documents may also be posted at the above website. Such public records are also available for inspection, by appointment, at 15310 Barranca Parkway, Suite 250, Irvine, CA 92618. Please contact clerk@ocpower.org to arrange an appointment.

ORANGE COUNTY POWER AUTHORITY
Staff Report – Item 5

To: Orange County Power Authority Board of Directors

From: Jacquie Henderson, Director of Communications & External Affairs

Approved by: Joe Mosca, Chief Executive Officer

Subject: 2026 RATE STABILIZATION COMMUNICATIONS AND ENGAGEMENT PLAN

Date: January 26, 2026

STRATEGIC GOALS

- ☐ Enrich & Grow the OCPA Community: _____
- ☐ Prioritize Fiscal Sustainability & Affordability: _____
- ☐ Design & Deploy Community-Aligned Customer Programs: _____
- ☐ Energize Our Community with Renewable Energy: _____
- ☒ Raise Awareness of Community Energy & Advocate for Our Customers: _____
- ☐ Not Applicable: _____

RECOMMENDED ACTION

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BACKGROUND

Orange County Power Authority (OCPA) is a locally controlled public agency focused on community support and clean energy progress. As a not-for-profit, OCPA reinvests net revenue back into the communities it serves through customer programs and local clean energy investments. OCPA was founded as a Joint Powers Agreement between cities with five clear objectives:

1. To reduce greenhouse gas emissions related to power use,
2. To provide electric power and other forms of energy at a competitive cost,
3. To carry out programs for ratepayers of all income levels that reduce energy consumption,
4. To stimulate and sustain the local economy by developing local jobs, and
5. To promote long-term electric rate stability, energy security, and reliability through local control of electric generation resources.

Since launching service in 2022, OCPA has set its rates by indexing to Southern California Edison's (SCE) generation rates. For 2026, the OCPA Board of Directors has approved a rate stabilization approach that maintains OCPA's 2025 generation rates for 2026. This approach was adopted to provide customers with greater rate stability and predictability, taking into account the circumstances discussed at the Board of Directors Regular Meeting on January 12, 2026.

This change to OCPA's standard rate design and indexing approach provides an opportunity for communications and engagement with customers and member communities. The goal is to ensure clear, concise awareness and understanding of the rate stabilization approach, as well as the outsized value of being part of the OCPA community.

ANALYSIS AND DISCUSSION

The Board of Directors requested a plan for how OCPA will communicate with customers about its 2026 rate stabilization. Attached is the detailed plan that will be reviewed for discussion and feedback, within which are the following key points:

2026 Rates Remain Consistent

- OCPA's 2025 generation rates are staying the same in 2026.
- There will be no rate change to the OCPA's part of the bill.
- OCPA is providing cost reliability and predictability in 2026.

OCPA's Mission

- Decrease greenhouse gas emissions
- Provide energy choice and competition
- Ensure rate stability and predictability
- Support energy affordability and renewable energy equity

Direct Bill Comparison to Southern California Edison (SCE)

- While OCPA's competitive margin to SCE is diminished at the start of the year, OCPA's rates are on par with SCE's average generation rate over the past three years.
- SCE rates are volatile and fluctuate four to six times per year.

Customer Support

- OCPA will launch a Green Discount Program for low-income and cost-sensitive customers.
- Subject to California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) approval in February 2026, OCPA will administer its Clean Energy Access Program, which provides 100 percent solar energy to customers in disadvantaged communities at a full bill discount of 20 percent.

Attachment A provides a detailed plan for 2026 rate stabilization communications and engagement. It will be reviewed at the Special Meeting for discussion and feedback.

FISCAL IMPACT

All items included in the draft communications and engagement plan are within budget.

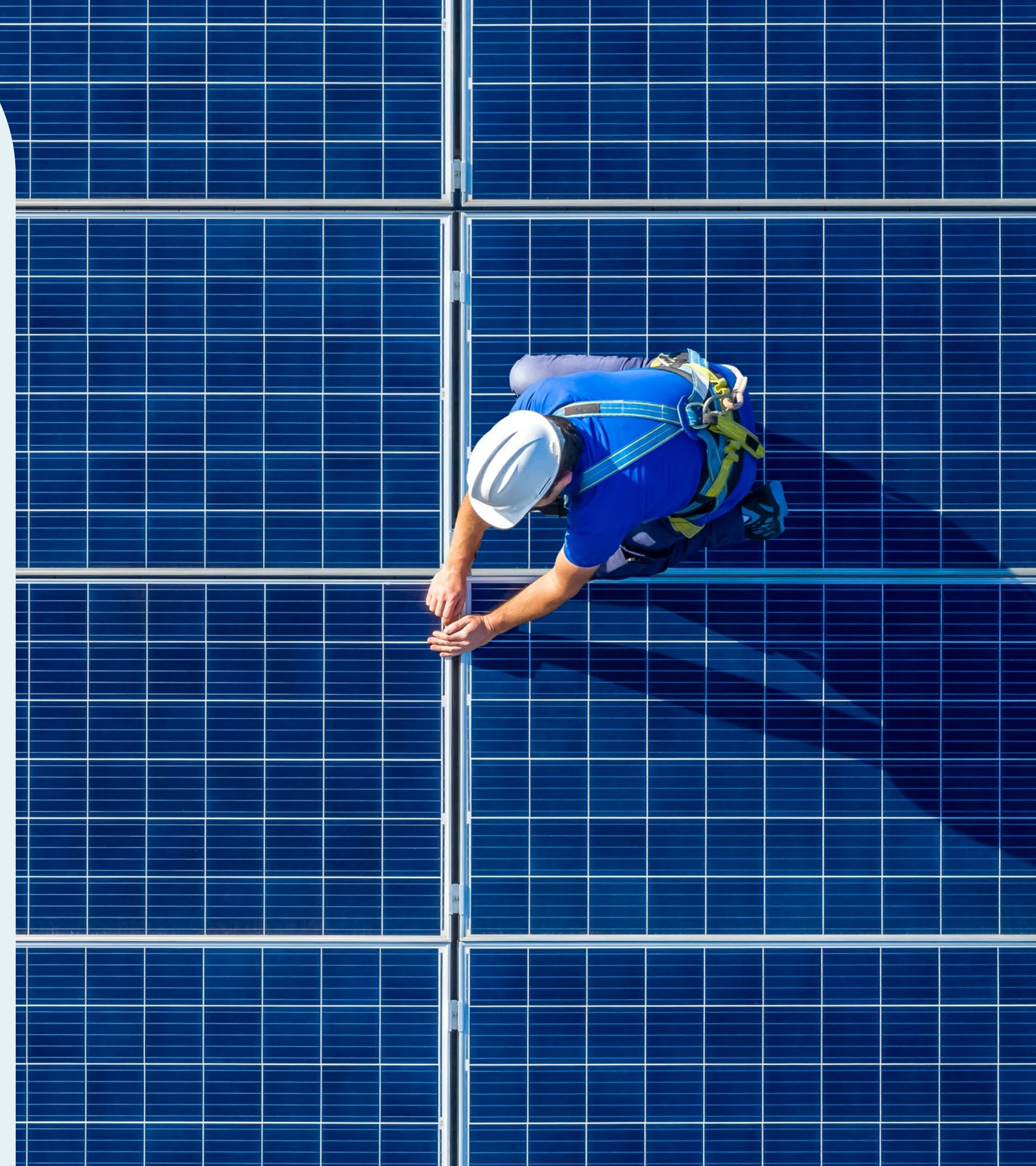
ATTACHMENT

Attachment A – 2026 Rate Stabilization Communications and Engagement Plan

January 26, 2026

OCPA 2026 Rates and Renewable Energy Plans Communications and Engagement

**OCPA's mission is to
provide renewable
energy at competitive
rates and equitably
reinvest to support
sustainable communities.**



Shifting Landscape

2025

OCPA focused on discounted rates and took action to achieve this (deferred revenue)

- 2+ Billion lbs. carbon emissions reduced
- \$600,000+ invested in communities and CBOs
- 200+ free Level 2 EV chargers provided
- 1,500 Energy Efficiency Kits provided

PCIA
recalculations



SCE artificial
rate reduction

2026

OCPA will focus on rate stability and predictability by maintaining the same rates (competitive margin gone for now)

- Community Power Plan coming Q1 26!
- Direct-to-Renter electrification program launching March
- Green Discount Program to support low-income / cost-sensitive customers
- Clean Energy Access Program

Key Messaging

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- OCPA received preliminary approval for its Clean Energy Access Program that provides 100% solar energy to customers in disadvantaged communities at a full bill discount of 20%.

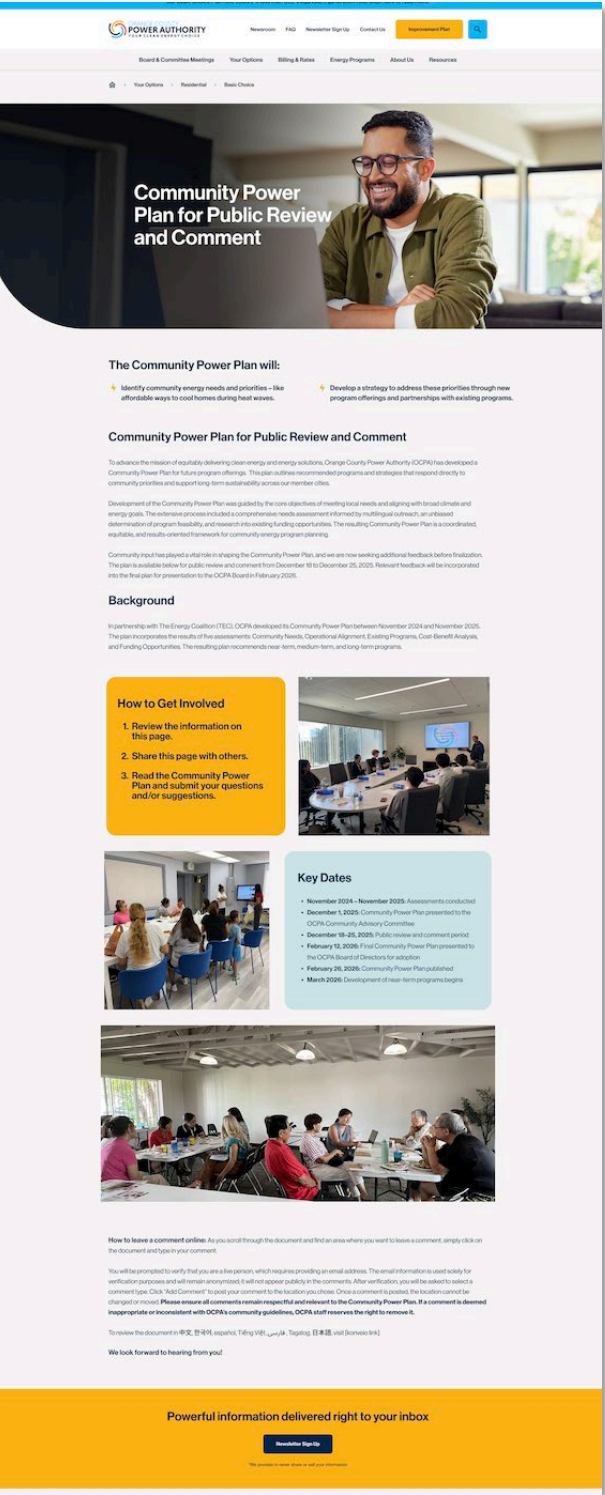
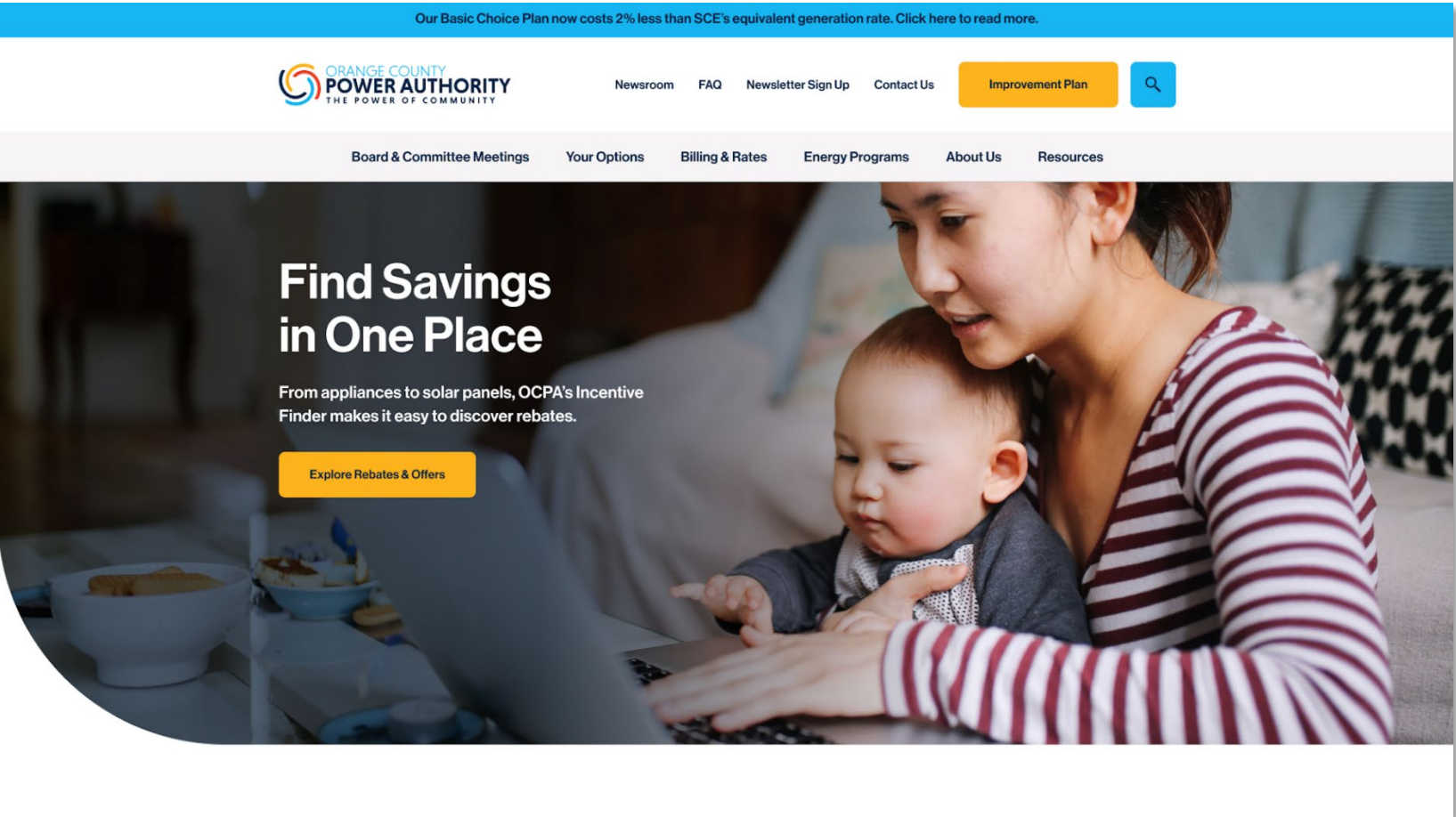
How OCPA Communicates



Communications Platforms

Website

- 7.6K / Monthly Visitors



Communications Platforms

Newsletter

• 6,405 Subscribers

Subject Line for NL: Creating a Cleaner Future Together


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Share your Story!

We're inviting our valued customers to share their Orange County Power Authority (OCPA) story! If you've benefited from one of our programs or rebates, saved energy in your home or business, or just want to share your passion for having the choice of community energy, reach out to our team at info@ocpower.org. You could be featured in a future newsletter or social media post!


The City of Buena Park's Office of Sustainability


The UC Irvine ANEntrepreneur Center


Bloom Again Fountain Valley


Sprouts Farmers Market Fullerton Distribution Center

Celebrating Community Impact

To celebrate three years of providing community choice energy to residents in Orange County cities, OCPA was excited to present Community Impact Awards to sustainability champions from across our member communities. Honorees included:

- **The City of Buena Park's Office of Sustainability**, recipient of the Community Leadership Award, for launching climate action efforts and creating the Sustainabuddies™ initiative
- **The UC Irvine ANEntrepreneur Center**, awarded the Non-Profit / Community-Based Organization Leadership Award for equipping students with mentorship and resources to turn sustainable ideas into real-world solutions
- **Bloom Again of Fountain Valley**, winner of the Small Business Leadership Award for reducing waste by giving pre-loved goods a second life
- **Sprouts Farmers Market Fullerton Distribution Center**, honored with the Commercial Leadership Award for cutting 725,000 miles of emissions annually by relocating its LEED-certified facility closer to stores

Subject Line for NL: It's the Season for Sustainability


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SUCCESS WORTH CELEBRATING



OCPA Earns Three Awards for Community Support

We're proud to announce that **OCPA has been recognized with three awards** for leadership in sustainability and clean energy. Each honor reflects our ongoing commitment to expanding access to clean energy at competitive rates, and our dedication to creating a cleaner future for the communities we serve.

- **"2025 Energy Visionary Award"** from the Asian Business Association of Orange County
- **"Innovator Green Business"** by the California Green Business Network
- **"Community Sustainability & Partnership Award"** from the Orange County Iranian American Chamber of Commerce

Thank you to our valued community partners for celebrating the work of OCPA! These recognitions enforce our team's dedication to diverse partners who help drive meaningful progress every day.



Solar Ovens, Sun-Powered Cars and Girl Scout Badges!

The Girl Scouts of Orange County utilized OCPA's Bright Futures Grant to create sustainability education materials, complete with hands-on learning opportunities like solar-powered ovens and cars. **A fun and creative way to inspire the next generation of clean energy advocates!**

Our very own Nataly Morales, Energy Programs Analyst, had the pleasure of visiting the Girl Scouts to present them with OCPA badges to commemorate their sustainability efforts.

[See more photos on our social](#)

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Wishing You a Bright Holiday Season!

As the holiday lights go up and the year winds down, we're reflecting with gratitude on the leadership, collaboration, and community support that powered our work this year. Thanks to you, our customers, Board members, Community Advisory Committee members, and valued partners 2025 was a year that truly shined and moved clean energy forward across Orange County. Here are a few highlights YOU helped make possible:

- More than **\$1.2 million** invested directly back into our member communities through programs and engagement efforts, with over \$300,000 in grants advancing clean energy and sustainability initiatives and \$300,000 supporting local nonprofits.
- Expanded customer programs that help residents save energy and money, including
 - **200+** Charge@Home EV charger rebates redeemed
 - **1,400+** Energy Efficiency Kits distributed
 - **\$1,000** residential battery storage rebates offered
- Continued delivery of one of the cleanest energy portfolios in California — **81% renewable energy from 68% carbon-free sources**, helping reduce over **2 billion pounds of CO₂** since launch (equal to removing 223,000 gas-powered cars from the road for a year!)

That's real impact, powered by your choices.

As we look ahead to a new year, we're excited to continue bringing cleaner energy, local reinvestment, and more energy saving opportunities to the communities we call home. Thank you for helping us keep Orange County bright this season and all year long.

From all of us at OCPA, we wish you a joyful holiday season and a happy New Year!



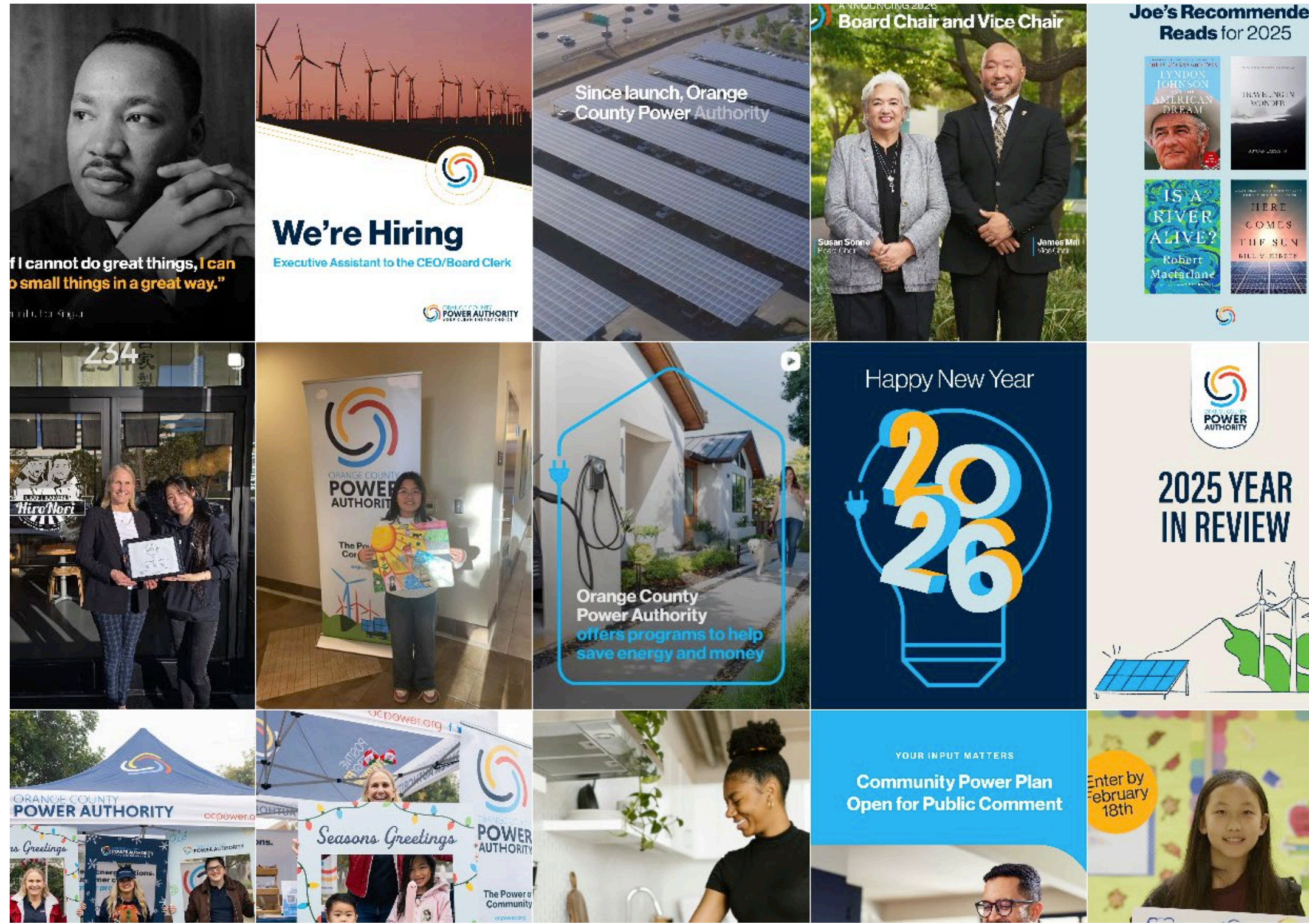


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Communications Platforms

Social Media

- 10.2k Monthly Views (Organic)



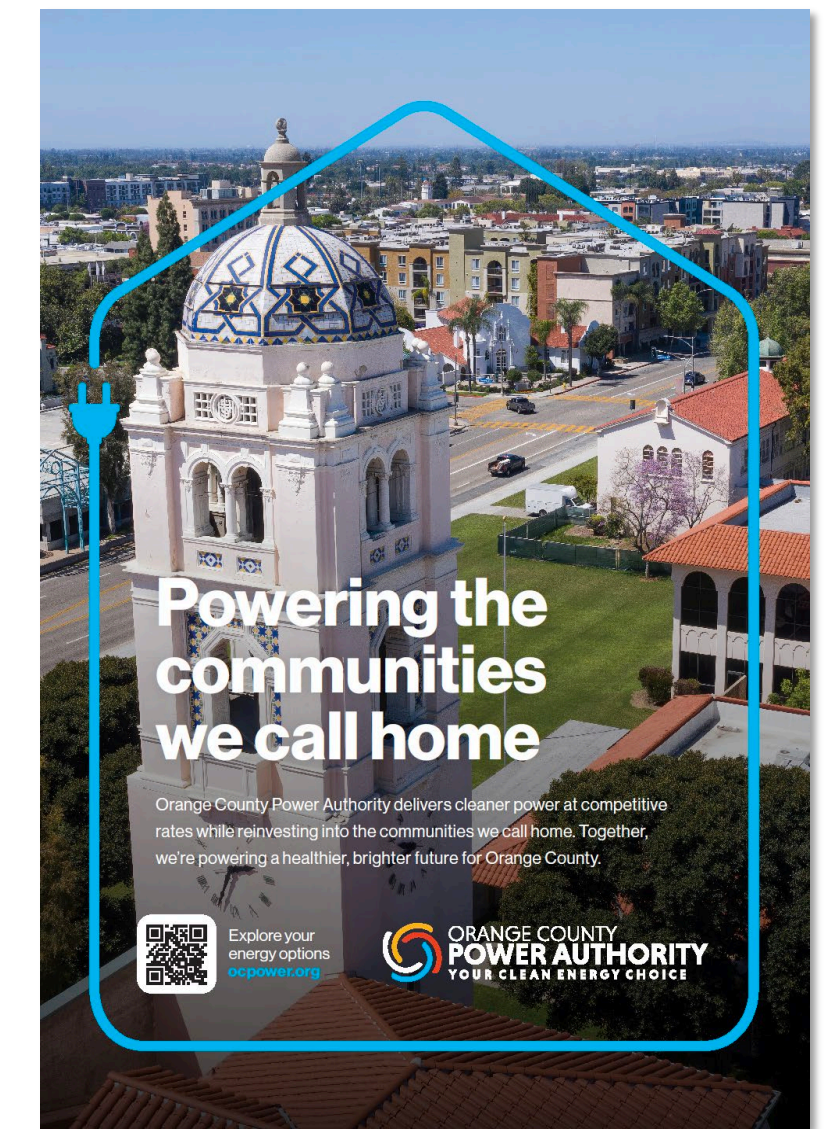
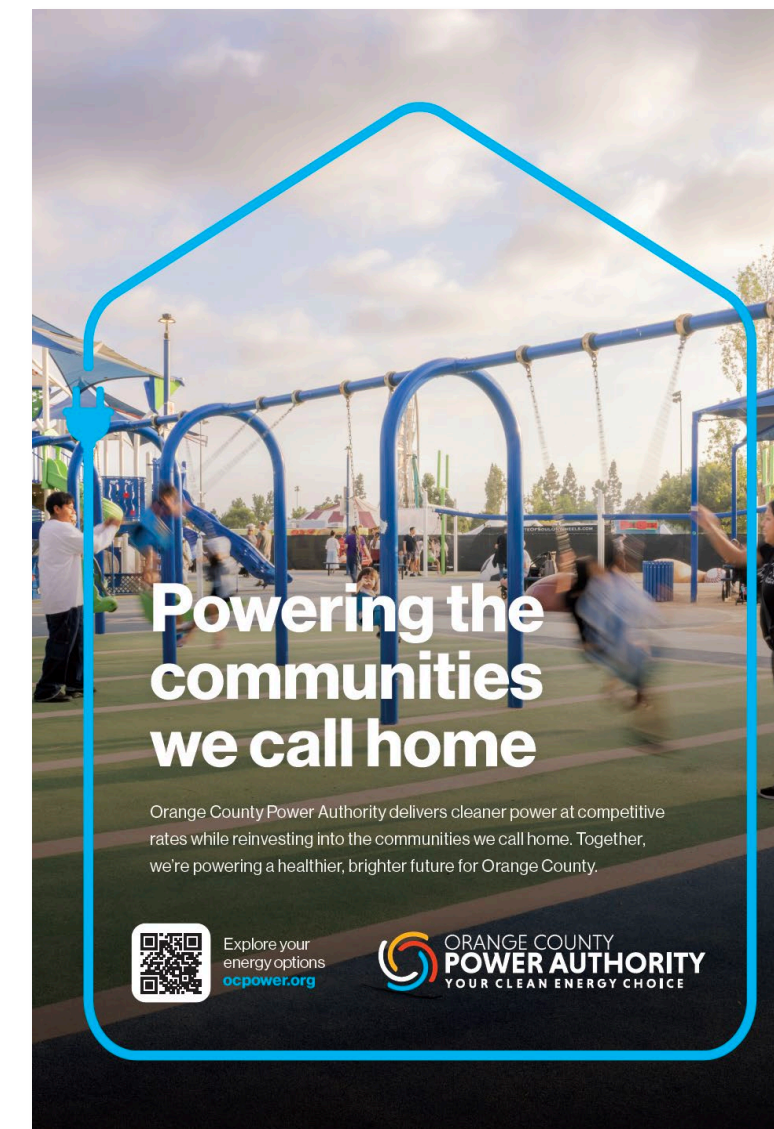
Communications Platforms

Bus Shelter Advertising

- 500k Avg/ Monthly Impressions

Newspaper Advertising including Multicultural Outlets

- 83k Avg/ Monthly Impressions



Communications Platforms

Social Media (Paid)

- 395k Avg/ Monthly Impressions

YouTube (Paid)

- 208k Avg/ Monthly Impressions

Paid Search

- 1.4k Avg/ Monthly Impressions



Powering the communities we call home.



Lorenzo Gonzalez, MD, MPL

Latino Health Access Board Member

Sustainably Speaking - Episode 6, with Dr. Lorenzo Gonzalez from Latino Health Access

Communications Platforms

In-Person Outreach

- 24 events to-date in FY25/26



Communications Platforms

Multilingual Informational Materials

CARE & FERA
재정지원 프로그램

Orange County Power Authority (OCPA)는 여러분을 지원합니다. 더 깨끗하고 건강한 미래를 만드는 데 참여하는 일이 가정의 경제에 우리를 주지 않아야 합니다. OCPA 고객은 Southern California Edison(SCE)에서 운영하는 캘리포니아 에너지 요금 지원 프로그램(CARE)과 가족 전기 요금 지원 프로그램(FERA)을 통해, 모든 규모의 가정이 자격요건을 충족할 경우 월별 전기요금을 절감할 재정 지원을 받을 수 있습니다.

CARE
캘리포니아 에너지 요금
지원 프로그램

자격을 충족하는 가정은
전기요금의 32.5%를 할인받을
수 있습니다.

FERA
가족 전기 요금
지원 프로그램

자격을 충족하는 가정은
전기요금의 18%를 할인받을
수 있습니다.

자격 요건

가족구성원 수와 귀하의 집, 콘도, 아파트, 또는 모빌홈에 거주하는 모든 사람들의 총소득에 따라 CARE 또는 FERA 프로그램 중 하나의 지원 자격을 받을 수 있습니다.
2025년 6월 1일부터 2026년 5월 31일까지 적용되는 소득 기준은 다음과 같습니다:

가족구성원 수	CARE 소득 자격 기준 상한선 **	FERA 소득 자격 기준 상한선 * 최대 소득
1-2	\$42,300	\$42,301 - \$52,875
3	\$53,300	\$53,301 - \$66,825
4	\$64,300	\$64,301 - \$80,375
5	\$75,300	\$75,301 - \$94,325
6	\$86,300	\$86,301 - \$107,875
7	\$97,300	\$97,301 - \$121,825
8	\$108,300	\$108,301 - \$135,375
추가 1인당	\$11,000	\$11,000 - \$13,750

**상한선 계산 = 연방 평균 기준선의 200% (CARE)
*하한선 계산 = 연방 평균 기준선의 200% (CARE) + 1달러
*상한선 계산 = 연방 평균 기준선의 250% (FERA)

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자세한 정보와 신청안내:
ocep.com 또는
1 (800) 708-5723

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تأمين انرژی برای
جوامعی که آن‌ها
را خانه خود می‌دانیم

اطلاعهایی از سوی تأمین‌کننده جدید برق شما،
سازمان تأمین برق شهرستان اورنج

اکنون می‌توانید از مزایای انرژی پاک و تجدیدپذیر با نرخهای رقابتی بهره‌مند شوید.

به‌عنوان یکی از مشترکان سازمان تأمین برق شهرستان اورنج (OCPA)، شما با کاهش وابستگی به سوخت‌های فسیلی به بهبود کیفیت هوا کمک می‌کنید. طرح «انتخاب پایه» برنامه پیش‌فرض انرژی پاک برای مشترکان جدید در شهر شماست. با این حال می‌توانید برای دستیابی به کاهش بیشتر انتشار گازهای گلخانه‌ای، به یکی از گزینه‌های «انتخاب هوشمند» یا «1۰۰٪ تجدیدپذیر» ارتقا دهید.

سه طرح انرژی تجدیدپذیر (OCPA) سازمان تأمین برق شهرستان اورنج:

طرح «انتخاب پایه»
ترکیب انرژی ۶۰٪

49%
انرژی تجدیدپذیر

طرح «انتخاب هوشمند»
ترکیب انرژی ۲۰٪

60%
انرژی تجدیدپذیر
40%
انرژی بدون کربن

طرح «انتخاب 1۰۰٪ تجدیدپذیر»

100%
انرژی تجدیدپذیر

برای کسب اطلاعات بیشتر درباره نرخ‌ها، به ocpower.org مراجعه کنید.

مشترکان همواره این امکان را دارند که از طرح خارج شده و به شرکت ادیسون جنوب کالیفرنیا (SCE) بازگردند.

در بخش انرژی خوشبختی، OCPA مزایای طرح اندازه‌گیری خالص انرژی 2.0 (NEM) را به رسمیت می‌شناسد و نرخ چرخه‌ای آزاد اولیه، برق را با نرخ ۱۰٪ بالاتر از نرخ جاری شرکت ادیسون جنوب کالیفرنیا (SCE) ارائه می‌دهد. برای آشنایی بیشتر با این برنامه، به ocpower.org/NEM مراجعه کنید.

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Contribuya
a darle forma al
Futuro de la Energía

La Autoridad de Energía del Condado de Orange (OCPA) está desarrollando un plan a largo plazo para nuevos programas de energía y ahorro de costos, basado en los aportes de la comunidad sobre las necesidades locales.

El Plan de Energía Comunitaria:

Identificar las necesidades y prioridades energéticas de la comunidad, como formas asequibles de enfriar las viviendas durante las olas de calor

Desarrollar un plan de acción para abordar estas prioridades a lo largo del tiempo a través de nuevas opciones de programación y asociaciones con programas administrados localmente

¡Queremos su opinión!

Comprender las necesidades de nuestras comunidades es una parte esencial del desarrollo de un Plan de energía Comunitaria. OCPA está recopilando comentarios de los residentes y las empresas de diversas maneras, entre ellas:

Encuestas digitales

Eventos comunitarios

Debates de mesas redondas

¡Aprenda más sobre el Plan de Energía Comunitaria de OCPA y haga la encuesta por una oportunidad de ganar una tarjeta de regalo de \$250!*

¡Suscríbese al boletín informativo de OCPA para saber cuándo estaremos en su comunidad!

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La Autoridad de Energía del Condado de Orange (OCPA) es una agencia de Agregación de Opciones Comunitarias (CCA) sin fines de lucro y gobernada localmente, también conocida como proveedor de energía comunitaria, que obtiene energía renovable en nombre de los clientes de electricidad del Condado de Orange. OCPA presta servicios en Buena Park, Fullerton e Irvine y, en 2026, prestará servicios en Fountain Valley.

Obtenga más información en ocpower.org

*La elegibilidad de la tarjeta de regalo requiere residencia en una ciudad miembro de OCPA: Buena Park, Fullerton, Fountain Valley o Irvine.

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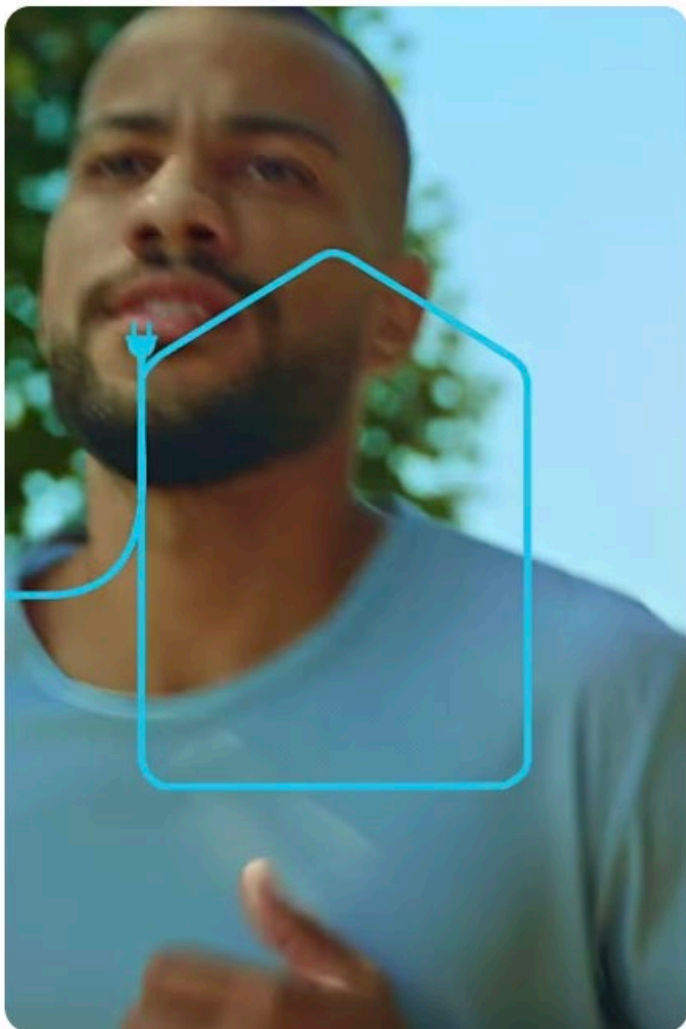
Communications Platforms

Shortform Video

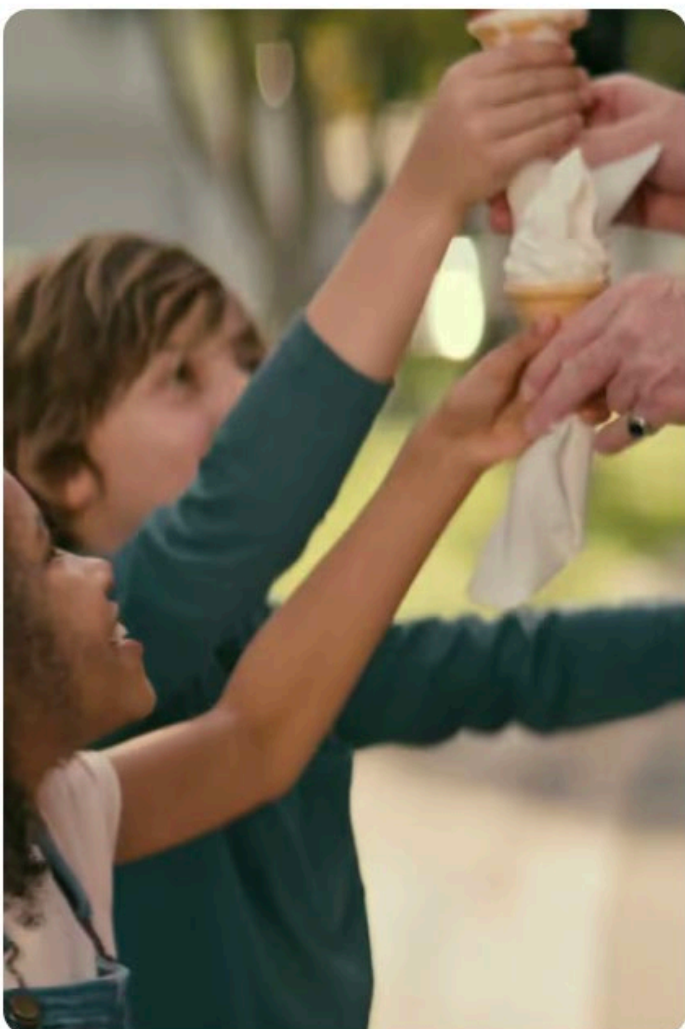
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Green P100NEER:
Coyote Hills ...



Powering the
communities we call ...



Powering a Brighter
Future





OCPA Unplugged

Communications Platforms

Mailers

- Annual required regulatory mailers
 - *Joint Rate Mailer will be sent in July with rate comparisons*
- Occasional community reinvestment targeted mailers





The Power of Community Energy

Rate Comparison Notification

As part of our mutual commitment to support your energy choice, Orange County Power Authority (OCPA) and Southern California Edison (SCE) have partnered to provide you with a comparison of typical residential electric rates, average monthly charges, and generation portfolio contents.

For information on OCPA's generation rates, please visit [OCPower.org](https://ocpower.org) or call 1-866-2-OCPOWER.

Please visit sce.com/cca, under Program Enrollment, for the complete SCE/OCPA rate comparison or call 1-800-974-2356.



The Executive Director of the California Public Utilities Commission has authorized an extension on the deadline to mail these notices. The purpose of this mailer is to help you make a comparison between Orange County Power Authority (OCPA) and Southern California Edison (SCE) rates and see the renewable energy mix of each to decide which service and rate works for you. The chart below illustrates the estimated electricity costs for a typical "CARE" residential customer with an average monthly energy usage of 520 kilowatt hours (kWh). If you are a customer on the FERA rate, please refer to the Joint Rate Comparison on the OCPA and SCE websites. This comparison is based on OCPA rates approved by its Board of Directors and effective as of July 1, 2024. SCE rate options are based on rates effective June 1, 2024. Both OCPA and SCE's rates are subject to change.

Domestic - CARE	SCE	OCPA Basic Choice (44% Renewable)	OCPA Smart Choice (72% Renewable)	OCPA 100% Renewable Choice (100% Renewable)
Generation Rate	\$0.13919	\$0.13340	\$0.14340	\$0.14840
SCE Delivery Rate	\$0.11198	\$0.11198	\$0.11198	\$0.11198
Surcharges	\$0.00000	\$0.00167	\$0.00167	\$0.00167
Total Costs	\$0.25117	\$0.24705	\$0.25705	\$0.26205
Average Monthly Bill (\$)	\$130.61	\$128.47	\$133.67	\$136.27

Monthly Usage: 520 kWh
SCE rates are current as of June 1, 2024. OCPA rates are current as of July 1, 2024.
This rate comparison represents similar comparisons for DM-CARE, D-CARE-SDP, D-CARE-SDP-O

All of OCPA's rate products are open to all customers. Generation Rate reflects the cost of producing or purchasing electricity to power your residence. This rate depends on usage and will vary depending on your service provider and rate plan. SCE Delivery Rate is a charge assessed by SCE to deliver electricity to your residence. Surcharges represent the Cost Responsibility Surcharge (CRS) and Franchise Fee (FF) that are applicable to Community Choice Aggregation (CCA).

Electric Power Generation Mix *	SCE Power Mix	OCPA Basic Choice	OCPA Smart Choice	OCPA 100% Renewable Choice
Renewable Procurements	37.6%	10.1%**	58.0%**	100.0%
Biomass & Biowaste	0.1%	0.0%	17.4%	8.8%
Geothermal	5.2%	0.0%	9.2%	17.1%
Eligible Hydroelectric	0.7%	0.0%	0.0%	3.9%
Solar	19.8%	0.6%	4.3%	43.9%
Wind	11.7%	9.5%	27.1%	26.2%
Coal	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Large Hydroelectric	4.5%	0.0%	24.0%	0.0%
Natural gas	20.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Nuclear	9.1%	27.5%	18.0%	0.0%
Other	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Unspecified Power	28.8%	62.4%	0.0%	0.0%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

* Based on Year Ending December 31, 2023 Data
** OCPA's energy portfolio includes unbundled Renewable Energy Credits (RECs) in its Basic Choice (28.9%) and Smart Choice (11%) plans. These RECs increase the total renewable energy for each plan to 39% and 69%, respectively. Visit ocpower.org/JRM for more information.
Unspecified power is electricity that has been purchased through open market transactions and is not traceable to a specific generation source. Unspecified sources of power are typically a mix of all resource types, and may include renewables.

The CRS is a group of four surcharges associated with power purchases made on behalf of customers prior to a customer's switch to a CCA, as well as non-bypassable charges related to wildfire fund and bond costs. The FF recovers taxes owed to a city in exchange for allowing SCE to utilize electrical distribution lines throughout the property of the city. SCE acts as the collection agency for the FF surcharge which is levied by cities and counties for all customers.

For additional rate information please contact Orange County Power Authority at ocpower.org or (866) 262-7693 and SCE at sce.com/cca, under Program Enrollment, or (800) 974-2356.

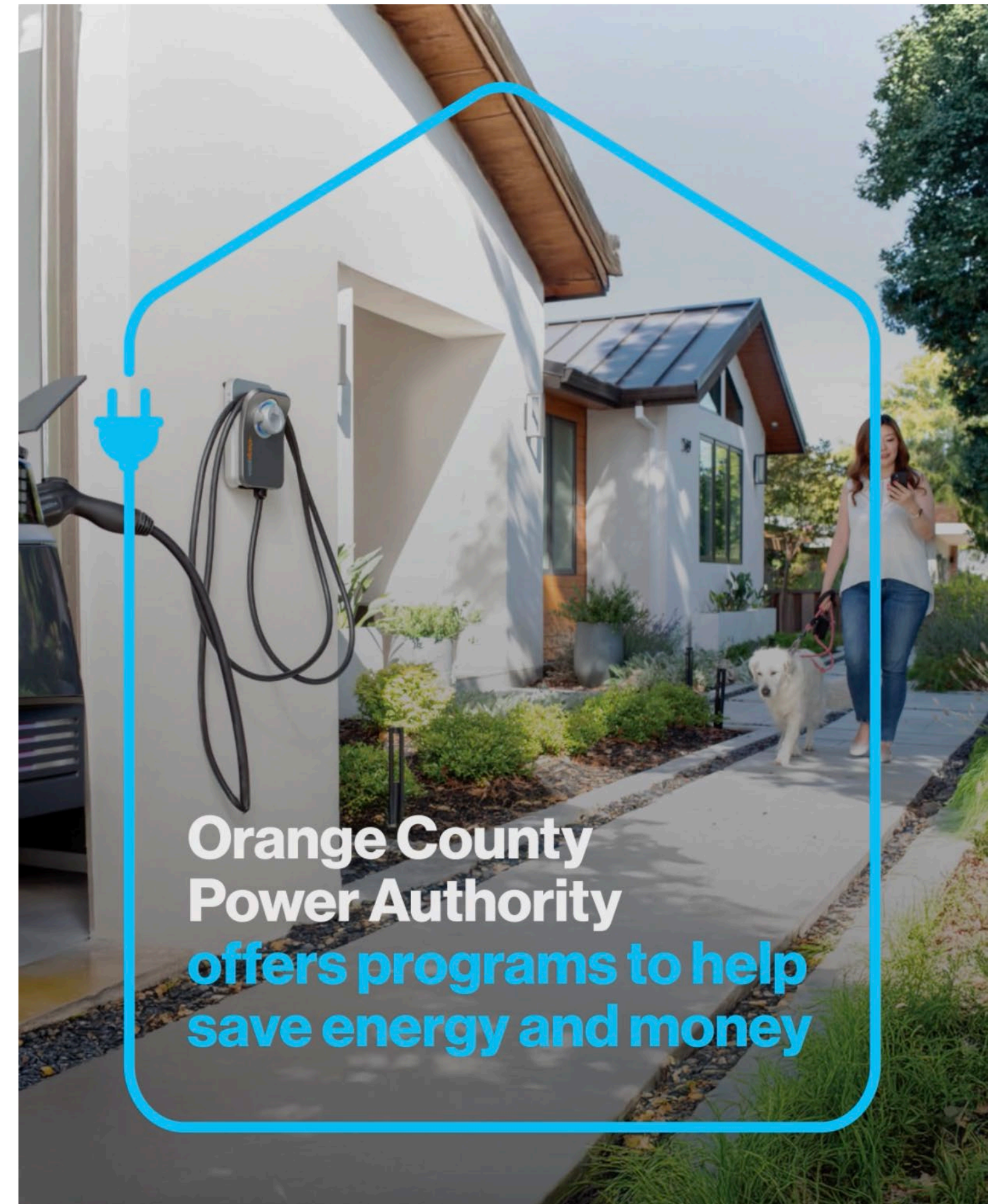
Value Proposition Campaigns

Current Campaigns

- Brand Campaign
- Get the Facts
- OCPA Unplugged

Upcoming Campaigns

- Customer Testimonials
- Commercial Customer Level Up



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Website

- Updated renewable energy plan graphics
- Plan cost comparison
- Newsroom addition of board-approved rate plan for 2026
- CEO blog post in Newsroom and on Homepage carousel
- Green Discount Program added to Bill & Payment Assistance Programs as “Coming Soon”

Understanding Your 2026 Energy Rates

Not-for-profit Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) agencies across the state of California – 25 total serving over 15 million people – create choice in the energy market long dominated by investor-owned utilities. All community choice agencies, including Orange County Power Authority (OCPA), have community-focused goals, including protecting customers from rate volatility over the long term.

For 2026, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) approved a change to generation rate calculations that impact all CCAs and their customers. This is a structural and statewide challenge. **OCPA is providing customers with stability and predictability in this time of fluctuating costs by maintaining its 2025 rates in 2026 as a first step toward uncoupling from SCE.**

OCPA will launch a Green Discount Program in mid-2026 specifically to support low-income and cost-sensitive customers. Under this program, OCPA will offer an energy plan with 40% carbon-free energy priced at 1% less than SCE's equivalent generation rate. The program will be available to non-solar (Net Energy Metering/NEM) residential customers with participation priority given to CARE and FERA customers.

OCPA also received CPUC approval for its Clean Energy Access Program. Slated to launch in Q3 2026, it will provide eligible low-income residents 100% solar energy at a total bill discount of 20%. This is on top of any existing bill discounts, and once enrolled, customers remain in the program long-term.




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Website FAQs

- PCIA information added to FAQs
- Detailed PCIA one-sheet linked in FAQs

Coming Soon to Fountain Valley! Are you a resident? Visit www.ocpower.org/fountainvalley to learn more!

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Frequently Asked Questions

Orange County Power Authority (OCPA) is a locally governed, not-for-profit Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) agency, also known as a community energy provider. OCPA serves Orange County businesses and residents with cleaner energy at competitive rates to create healthier, more sustainable communities.

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Power Charge Indifference Adjustment (PCIA)

What is the Power Charge Indifference Adjustment (PCIA)?

Why does Southern California Edison (SCE) charge the Power Charge Indifference Adjustment (PCIA)?

How is the Power Charge Indifference Adjustment (PCIA) calculated?

Why is the Power Charge Indifference Adjustment (PCIA) of concern to Community Choice Aggregators (CCA)?

Solar and Net Energy Metering (NEM)

How does this work with my solar panel system?

How does OCPA work with my regular billing and annual true-up?

If my solar panels produce more energy than I use, do I continue to get compensated if I participate in OCPA?

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Newsletter


- Preview of CEO blog post and link to Newsroom

Social Media

- Link to CEO blog post

Resources

- Detailed PCIA one-sheet
- Stakeholder rate stabilization one-sheet
- Green Discount Program flyer




Need Help Paying Your Bill? Orange County Power Authority is here to help.

Take advantage of the financial aid resources available to you.

California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE) Reduces energy bills by about 30%. Qualification is based on participation in public assistance programs, or on household income.	Family Electric Rate Assistance (FERA) Reduces electric bills by 18%. Qualification is based on participation in public assistance programs, or on household income.
Arrearage Management Plan (AMP) Debt-forgiveness program for customers with at least \$500 in past due electricity bills with some portion of the debt at least 90 days past due.	Medical Baseline If someone in your household needs powered medical equipment, this program provides additional energy to your normal baseline allocation, saving you money.
Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Federally funded program to assist low-income households that pay a high portion of their income to meet their energy needs.	Payment Arrangement Flexible payment plans through SCE to spread out the balance of energy bills up to 12 months.

Program details are available at www.ocpower.org/energy-programs/bill-and-payment-assistance/ or call our Customer Support Team at 866-262-7693 to learn more.

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Community Engagement

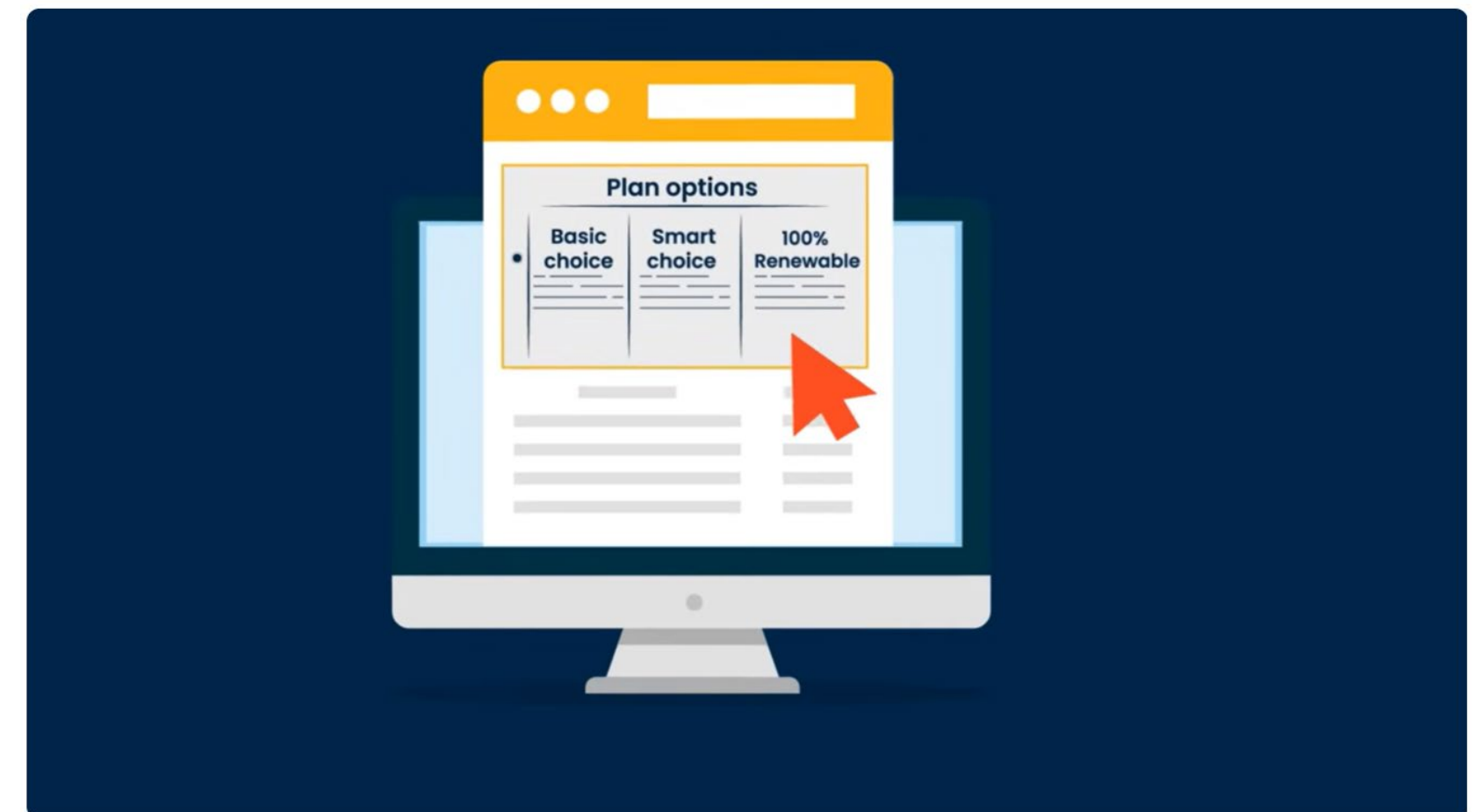
- Community workshops to share OCPA update and information on Green Discount Program
 - 1 in each member city
 - 1 virtual session with moderated Q&A
- Environmental Roundtable (January)
- Community Leaders Briefing (February)
- Annual Staffers Luncheon (March)



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Animated Explainer Video (1 min)

- Added to the OCPA YouTube page
- Posted to social media



Feedback and Questions

