



# UNDERSTANDING YOUR BILL

As your community energy provider, Orange County Power Authority (OCPA) strives to keep its service simple.

When it comes to your monthly bill, it will be sent to your household from Southern California Edison (SCE). It will include your SCE charges for electricity delivery, followed by your OCPA charges for electricity generation. Learn more about how to read your bill below.

Note that OCPA charges are not an added or duplicate charge. OCPA generation replaces SCE's generation service, while SCE continues to deliver your electricity.



### Customer Account

Your SCE-assigned customer account number identifies your account. Please have your customer account number on hand if you would like to make changes to your OCPA service.

## 2 Summary of your billing detail

The first line in this summary lists your total delivery charges from SCE. The second line lists your total generation charges from OCPA. The OCPA generation charge is NOT an additional fee; it simply replaces the generation charges you previously paid to SCE.

## 3 Electricity usage

The amount of energy you used in the billing period, meausured in killowatt-hours (kWh). Your energy usage may change significantly from month to month and year to year depending on weather, appliance use, and other factors. Increased usage is often the reason for larger bills. If you get a larger than normal bill, you can check your usage here.

### 4 Your rate (SCE)

In this section, "Your rate" refers to the SCE rate schedule that determines how you are charged for the delivery of electricity.

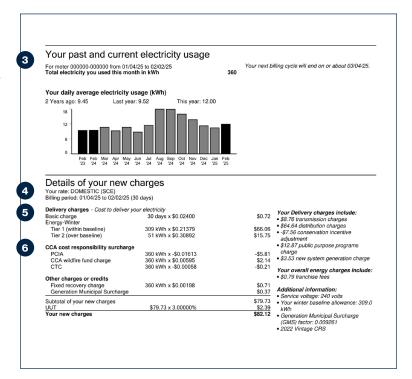
### **5** Delivery charges (SCE)

SCE charges all customers in its service territory for delivering electricity. These charges cover moving energy from the grid to your home or business and maintaining electric lines. Customers pay for the exact same delivery charges, regardless of whether they get their generation from OCPA. In June and October, your bill may show usages and charges for two periods with different rates applied due to seasonal transition.

# 6 CCA (Community Choice Aggregation) cost responsibility surcharge

The Cost Responsibility Surcharge (CRS) is a group of four surcharges/credits associated with power purchases made on behalf of customers prior to a customer's

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switch to a CCA as well as non-by passable charges related to wildfire fund and bond costs. These charges are paid by all electric customers, but SCE itemizes them differently on your bill as an OCPA customer. OCPA adjusts its generation rates to account for CRS charges to keep our customers' total bill competitive with SCE and ensure these charges are not duplicated. The Power Charge Indifference Adjustment (PCIA)¹ reimburses SCE for any above-market-costs or customers for below-market-values of energy resources that SCE previously procured, even for customers now served by OCPA. The Wildfire Fund Charge (WFC)² is a charge to support the California Wildfire Fund. The Competition Transition Charge(CTC)³ is a legacy charge related to the cost of deregulation of the California electricity system in the 1990s and early 2000s. Finally, the Fixed Recovery Charge (FRC) is a surcharge related to bonds issued by SCE for costs related to preventing and mitigating catastrophic wildfire. These charges and credits are accounted for by SCE.



### **7** Your rate (OCPA)

In this section, "Your rate" is the OCPA rate schedule that determines how you are charged for generation services. This will be the same rate schedule that SCE utilizes for their delivery charges.

#### **8** Generation charges (OCPA)

OCPA charges for the generation of electricity. This is NOT and additional charge. It replaces the generation charges that SCE would collect if they were your generation provider. Currently, generation charges account for roughly 30% of an average residential customer's total bill, while delivery charges make up about 70%. The continued upward trajectory of delivery costs exerts a greater influence on what customers ultimately pay.

Details of your n	ew charges		
ORANGE COUNTY POWER	AUTHORITY		
Your rate: DOMESTIC Service Account: 8000000000 Billing period: 01/04/25 to 02/			
Generation Charges Generation - Total 100% Renewable Choice Utility Users Tax Energy Surcharge	359.99 kWh @ 0.11766 359.99 kWh @ 0.015	\$42.36 \$5.40 \$1.43 \$0.11	
Sub-Total of OCPA Generation Charges		\$49.30	
Your New Charges		\$49.30	

This section shows whether the OCPA plan currently selected for your account is Smart Choice or 100% Renewable Choice. If you do not see Smart Choice or 100% Renewable Choice noted here, you are on Basic Choice. You may change your plan at any time by calling (866) 262-7693 or submitting a request via our website at www.ocpower.org/residential.

### 9 Utility Users Tax

The utility users tax (UUT) is a tax levied by a city or county on your electric bill. The fees collected from the UUT are then remitted to the relevant local authority.

### **10** Energy Surcharge

The energy surcharge is collected from all electricity customers statewide to fund clean energy programs and projects in California.

We're happy to help! If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact OCPA at (866) 262-7693 or visit our website at ocpower.org.

<sup>1.</sup> Although it is sometimes referred to as an "exit fee," the PCIA (Power Charge Indifference Adjustment) collects funds to cover above-market energy contracts costs that are paid for by all electricity customers, not just those who switched to a Community Choice Aggregator like OCPA. These above-market costs are embedded in SCE's generation rates for bundled SCE customers; these costs will be itemized for all customers, regardless of who is your energy supplier. These charges go to to SCE.

<sup>2.</sup> The Wildfire Fund Charge (WFC), previously know DWR (Department of Water Resources) Bond Charge, is a legacy charge to pay off bonds that were issued to rescue the California electricity system from the 2000-2001 energy crisis. It was set to expire in 2021 but was extended for another 15 years to establish a wildfire liability fund that Investor Owned Utilities like Southern California Edison (SCE) can draw upon in the event of a catastrophic event. This charge has been part of SCE customer bills since before Orange County Power Authority. The charges go to the State of California for potential disbursement to the Investor Owned Utilities if neccesary.

<sup>3.</sup> The CTC (Competition Transition Charge) is a legacy charge related to electricity sector deregulation in the late 1990s. This charge provides an accelerated recovery of Investor Owned Utility investments made prior to deregulation. This chargehas been part of SCE customer bills since before the Orange County Power Authority. These charges go to SCE.