

Orange County Power Authority
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The Orange County Power Authority (OCPA) is a not-for-profit clean energy provider that offers over 177,000 customers in the cities of Buena Park, Fullerton, and Irvine the opportunity to choose renewable energy as their source of power.

The City of Irvine has played an integral role in the success of OCPA since its founding. As the first member city in the agency's joint powers agreement, Irvine has led the way in offering the option of clean energy to residents.

As renewable energy costs rise due to past supply chain issues and increased demand, the City of Irvine is updating its default energy plan with OCPA. Beginning in February 2025, the default energy plan will change from 100% Renewable with the highest renewable energy content, to Basic Choice that provides 44% renewable energy.

While OCPA's Basic Choice plan is the lowest renewable energy content offering, it still provides more renewable energy than Southern California Edison's (SCE) basic plan. It is also discounted 3% off SCE's equivalent generation rate, providing customers with on-bill savings.

Irvine OCPA customers interested in staying in the 100% Renewable plan can remain enrolled by calling OCPA's customer support at least 2 days ahead of their February meter read date – at (866) 262-7693.

Customers also continue to have the ability to change their OCPA energy plan at any time. In addition to Basic Choice, OCPA offers the mid-tier Smart Choice plan with 72% renewable energy and just .01 cent more per kWh over Basic Choice. OCPA's top tier offering of 100% Renewable is .015 cents more per kWh over Basic Choice.

The shift to Basic Choice helps OCPA continue accomplishing its mission of providing affordable renewable energy for all customers, while continuing to meet climate action goals for both the organization and the City of Irvine.

Irvine OCPA customers currently enrolled in the 100% Renewable energy plan will be notified by mail in January 2025 of the transition to Basic Choice. Transitions will take place through the month of February based on customers' meter read dates.

OCPA and its Board are committed and looking forward to working together with the City of Irvine to ensure a strong, ongoing partnership.

The Orange County Power Authority proudly delivers on its goal of providing Orange County customers with renewable energy at competitive rates. In 2023, 86% of the energy purchased by OCPA was renewable, and 81% was carbon-free. Since its inception, the renewable energy OCPA procured on behalf of customers has reduced carbon emissions by more than two billion pounds – the equivalent of taking more than 221,000 gas-fueled cars off the road. In its two years of service, OCPA has also saved Basic Choice customers more than 2.5 million dollars compared to SCE’s equivalent generation rate.

OCPA is also expanding its reach. The agency welcomed the City of Fountain Valley at the end of 2024 and will begin service in October 2026.

Across the state, Community Choice Aggregation Agencies (CCAs) like OCPA provide renewable energy options to over 14 million customers in more than 200 cities and counties. CCAs now provide the state with over 25% of its energy load – and growing. In 2024, California hit a clean energy milestone of 100 days, where electricity demand was supplied by 100% renewable energy for at least part of the day.

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