

New Choices: Business electric rates to increase with new OC Power Authority

Changes to electricity bills are coming for businesses in **Buena Park, Huntington Beach, Irvine and Fullerton**, but you have options. Customers will see more options for renewable energy and higher electric bills--approximately **4% to 7% higher**--after April with new service from [Orange County Power Authority](#), unless you select a lower rate or choose not to be enrolled.

These cities formed OC Power to offer what's called "[community choice energy](#)" or "[aggregation](#)" service. [Southern California Edison](#) (SCE) will still bill customers, offer incentives, and deliver power through SCE's infrastructure, but the source of your energy (e.g. solar, wind, natural gas, etc.) and how much it costs will be set by OC Power instead. This transition is **automatic** in April, unless you make a different choice (see options below). Or [opt out of OC Power](#) and SCE will continue to supply your electricity and bill you at SCE's current rates. Residents will see a similar switch on their home electric bills in October.

Businesses in Buena Park, Huntington Beach, and Irvine:

- Do nothing and your electric bill will automatically switch to 100% renewable energy at higher rates (6-7% increase) after April.
- [Select a lower cost/lower renewable rate](#) through OC Power: "Basic" 38% renewable choice costs the same as what SCE charges. "Smart" 69% renewable choice costs 4-5% more than what SCE charges.
- [Opt out of OC Power Authority](#) and continue at SCE's rates.

Businesses in Fullerton:

- Do nothing and your electric bill will automatically switch to 69% renewable energy at higher rates (4-5% increase) after April.
- [Select a different rate](#) through OC Power: "Basic" 38% renewable choice costs the same as what SCE charges. 100% renewable choice is 6-7% higher than SCE charges.
- [Opt out of OC Power Authority](#) and continue at SCE's rates.

For questions, to change rates or opt out call OC Power at 866-262-7693. For more details on OC Power's rates, read [Irvine's staff report](#) and [presentation](#).