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## **San Diego Community Power Partners with OhmConnect to Empower Customers to Save Energy When It Matters Most**

*The partnership provides SDCP customers with low-cost access to smart thermostats and smart plugs, as well as the opportunity to get paid for saving electricity when the grid is stressed*

**San Diego, Calif. – (Aug. 10, 2022)** – As a community-run not-for-profit, San Diego Community Power (SDCP) works to bring customers clean power at competitive rates. With a commitment to powering affordable clean energy, SDCP has partnered with OhmConnect to make it easier and more affordable for customers to access smart thermostats and smart plugs to manage energy usage and save money on energy bills. OhmConnect also pays customers for reducing energy usage when the grid is stressed, thereby reducing the need to fire up dirty power plants.

Starting today, SDCP's nearly 632,000 residential customers can sign up for OhmConnect online and access:

- A \$50 OhmConnect wallet credit to cash out with PayPal or via a variety of gift cards, and
- A smart thermostat for \$38.99 or a smart plug for \$0.99. (Retail value of \$129.99 to \$169.99 for the smart thermostat and \$11.99 to \$13.99 for the smart plug.) This partnership provides some SDCP residential customers, depending on where they live, with a free smart thermostat funded by the California Public Utilities Commission.

Smart thermostats and smart plugs save energy and money by automating the tracking and management of energy consumption. Through the OhmConnect platform, these devices will inform customers when electricity is most expensive and help customers use less, leading to personal savings and a potential region-wide reduction of energy usage.

"We want to provide tools to help our customers save money and energy *today* – particularly as we're heading into the hottest months of the year," said Karin Burns, CEO of SDCP. "This partnership is just the first of many programs designed to save customers energy and money while driving the region towards a more equitable, efficient, and climate-friendly approach to energy."

In addition to customer-friendly tools and discounts, OhmConnect will provide SDCP with a \$5 donation for each customer enrolled in the program. These funds will support local community-based organizations in developing innovative grant programs and providing access to money and energy-saving services in communities of concern.

"Now is the perfect time to launch this partnership as the summer heats up, and we are all looking for ways to keep cool and save money," said SDCP Board Chair and Encinitas Deputy Mayor Joe Mosca. "Affordable access to smart devices can be a game changer for household budgets."

All current SDCP residential customers in Imperial Beach, Chula Vista, Encinitas, La Mesa, and San Diego are eligible for the OhmConnect deals and rewards, if not enrolled in a demand response program. Customers in the unincorporated areas of San Diego County and National City will be eligible when service launches in those areas in the spring/summer of 2023.

The OhmConnect partnership is part of SDCP's commitment to helping customers save money when it matters most. Additional tips for saving energy and money this summer can be found online at <https://sdcommunitypower.org/stay-cool-save-this-summer/>.

### **About SDCP**

San Diego Community Power (SDCP) is a Community Choice Aggregator (CCA) committed to providing municipalities, businesses, and residents in the six-member cities and unincorporated San Diego County with clean, renewable energy at competitive rates and investing in innovative programs that benefit the environment and the economy in our communities. Learn more at [www.sdcommunitypower.org](http://www.sdcommunitypower.org).

### **About OhmConnect**

OhmConnect, winner of the 2021 [Fast Company World Changing Ideas Award](#), helps hundreds of thousands of customers manage their at-home electricity and rewards them for smarter energy use. The company pays its customers for saving electricity when the grid is stressed and likely to utilize dirty power, unlocking clean, affordable, and reliable energy. With more than \$17 million in rewards paid to its customers, OhmConnect is making a future of 100% clean energy accessible to everyone. SDCP customers can sign up with OhmConnect for free at [ohmconnect.com](http://ohmconnect.com). Follow OhmConnect on Twitter [@OhmConnect](#), read the [OhmConnect blog](#) or check them out on [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

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