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OUC's Stanton Energy Center to Be Home to First Solar Farm in Orange County



OUC will begin construction this month on the county's first solar farm at the Curtis H. Stanton Energy Center in east Orange County. The solar farm will add to an already diverse fleet of clean, reliable generation at OUC's 3,280-acre Stanton Energy Center, which is home to natural gas, landfill gas and coal.

The 6 Megawatt solar photovoltaic (PV) array is expected to generate enough renewable energy to power more than 600 homes. OUC, which partnered with Duke Energy and Regenes Power LLC to install, operate and maintain the system, plans to purchase that power for the next 20 years.

"The solar farm not only increases OUC's portfolio of clean generation, it also provides the opportunity to study the

impact a large-scale solar array will have on our electric distribution system," said OUC Board President Maylen Dominguez.

OUC customers who travel along Innovation Way will be able to see the solar generation that will be providing renewable energy to their homes and businesses. The more than 25,000 PV modules covering nearly 45 acres of land will be easily visible from the road when the project is completed later this year.

The solar panels will feature a patented single-axis tracking system that increases electricity output by up to 30 percent and can withstand hurricane-force winds in the stow position.

Save Energy With Injected Wall Foam

Love your old Florida home but hate the drafty walls that do nothing to contain your air conditioning and heating? Injected wall foam insulation may be the answer to improving the comfort level in your home while lowering your energy bills. Better yet, OUC has a rebate for up to \$300 for injected wall foam.

The concrete blocks used to build many of Florida's homes typically lack adequate insulation and practically invite moist outside air to seep into the home, creating drafts and even causing mold to form behind the walls.

Homes built before 1975 were not required to have insulation, and those that are more than 20 years old likely need touch-ups because the original insulation has lost

its effectiveness. Injected wall foam fixes those problems by better insulating the rooms that you want.



The process involves injecting liquid foam behind walls and allowing it to expand to completely fill the cavity behind the wall. The insulation inhibits mold and maintains its insulating value over time. And because the wall foam is inert, it makes your home more fire resistant, so home insurance costs may decline as your energy savings rise.

Switch to Paperless Billing

Sign up for OUConvenient Billing and turn off your paper bill. OUConvenient Billing offers an easy way to manage your OUC account online while saving paper and reducing

clutter. View your detailed account history and current bill whenever you want, via a secure site. Visit www.ouc.com to learn more about OUConvenient Billing.

Utility Theft Costs Everyone

Utility theft costs more than just the price of the stolen electricity or water. When thieves attempt to steal utilities, it can result in fire, flooding, property damage, hazardous conditions, injuries and even death.

Illegally obtained utilities increase rates for everyone, and unauthorized use of utilities or tampering with utility equipment is a crime and punishable by fines and/or prison time.

At OUC, we take theft seriously and we want you to know the procedures we have put in place to stop meter tampering and ensure the safety of our customers and our employees.

The tampering fees have been increased to:

- \$200 for a first offense
- \$400 for a second offense
- \$800 for a third offense or more



In addition to increased tampering fees, individuals will be charged for all past unauthorized/unmetered consumption, damaged equipment and associated labor. OUC also may pursue civil action. Please help OUC prevent injuries and increased rates due to utility theft by reporting suspicious behavior either at www.ouc.com or by calling **407.384.4019**.

You're Invited! Street Party Supports Education

Every year, the Central Florida Hotel & Lodging Association (CFHLA) hosts "Bacchus Bash," Orlando's largest street party. Open to the public, this year's party is scheduled for Friday, April 8, from 5-10 p.m. at the Orlando Premium Outlets on Vineland Avenue.



With more than 100 vendors, participating attendees can sample entrees, desserts and specialty drinks from premier hotels and restaurants and enjoy live entertainment. Exchange cash for "Bacchus Bucks" to sample some of Central Florida's finest delights, ranging from \$2 to \$5. Parking is complimentary and valet parking is available for a modest fee.

All Bacchus Bash net proceeds benefit the CFHLA Educational Trust Fund, which provides scholarships and grants to local hospitality students and schools. Last year more than 29,000 people attended Bacchus Bash, which grossed more than \$113,000.

The Presenting Sponsor of the Bacchus Bash is Coca-Cola Bottling Company. For more information, please visit www.BacchusBash.org.

OUC Offers Rebate For High Performance Windows

Central Florida's sunny climate heats up homes, forcing air conditioners to work longer and harder to keep you comfortable. High-performance windows keep the sun out of your home while maximizing your views of the great outdoors and keeping your energy costs under control.

High-performance windows have a Solar Heat-Gain Coefficient of 0.4 to 0.6, the lower the better. To help you see the benefits of these advanced windows, OUC recently increased the rebate to \$2 per square foot of glass, up to \$500. If you buy before December 31, 2011, a federal tax credit equal to 10 percent of the product cost for the purchase (but not installation) of high-performance windows is also available.

High-performance windows lead to improved comfort, reduced wear on home furnishings, improved indoor air quality and a quieter home. They also could help improve the resale value of your home. Go to www.ouc.com/rebates to learn more.



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