

Osaka Gas to Launch Optional Extras Related to Power Saving for Its Electricity Rate Plans and Start a Demonstration Project for a Device-type Demand Response Service

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Osaka Gas Co., Ltd. (President: Masataka Fujiwara, “Osaka Gas”) will launch two optional extras for its electricity rate plans. Depending on the amount of power saved, “Power Saving Bonus MO” rewards its subscribers with My Osaka Gas (MO) points,*1 while “Power Saving Bonus SL” awards Sumai LINK (SL) Bonus points.*2 For even more effective reduction in power consumption, Osaka Gas will also conduct a demonstration project on a device-type demand response (“device-type DR”) service, which uses smart remote controls and is targeted at subscribers to these power saving optional extras.

There has been a growing trend toward a decarbonized society and tight energy supply and demand. Against the backdrop of these social issues, Osaka Gas has conducted power saving campaigns three times since 2022 during peak power consumption periods, including summer and winter. The one last winter enjoyed the participation of over 150,000 customers. The launch of Power Saving Bonus MO and Power Saving Bonus SL is intended to contribute to solving these social issues by encouraging customers to save power on a regular basis throughout the year. These optional extras can be applied for with electricity rate plans as a package, and Osaka Gas is accepting applications from today.

In the demonstration project on the device-type DR service, smart remote controls will be used to remotely regulate air conditioner temperature settings. Osaka Gas will invite the first 100 applicants to join in the testing of the service. The demonstration project will install the smart remote controls in the testers’ homes, remotely regulate air conditioner temperature settings on Osaka Gas-specified dates and times, and verify the power saving effects until the end of fiscal 2023. Without a conscious effort to reduce power consumption, the testers can earn points depending on the amount of power saved. Moreover, the customers may continue to use the remote controls after the demonstration project is completed.

Osaka Gas will deliver Ittoku Pass Coupons*3 to subscribers to Power Saving Bonus MO/SL during the power saving periods to encourage them to go out and reduce their power consumption at home. Approximately 130 Doutor Coffee stores*4 in the Kansai region that have approved of the aims of this initiative will become Ittoku Pass member stores on Friday, June 23. The number of member stores is expected to exceed 1,000. Osaka Gas will strive to strengthen collaboration with supportive companies and aim to further increase the number of member stores.

Aiming to become an energy marketer of the new era that will be continuously chosen by customers, the Daigas Group will continue to diversify its rate plans, provide high-quality, safe, and secure services to ensure the safe use of energy, and expand service plans that are useful to the lives and businesses of customers.

***1 My Osaka Gas Point**

This service is for users of gas or electricity provided by Osaka Gas (excluding those contracted with external agents) who pay by bank transfer or credit card (on the condition of having full My Osaka Gas membership). Members can earn loyalty points by checking their gas and electricity bills, reading articles, and using Point Mall and various other services including Sumikata Service. Accumulated points can be used to apply for lotteries and donate to NPOs and are also exchangeable for points in six affiliated loyalty programs including the d Point and Rakuten Point programs.

***2 Sumai LINK Bonus**

This service is for customers who have registered for free on the Sumai LINK digital platform. They can earn bonus points by participating in limited time campaigns or promotions. The bonus points earned can be used, in increments of 1 (one) yen, for purchases on Sumai LINK.

Note: My Osaka Gas Point and Sumai LINK Bonus are two different services, and the points are not exchangeable at present.

***3 Ittoku Pass Coupon**

This coupon can be used at member restaurants, bars, and cafes for one free drink, one free food item, or a discount on your bill. For the types, usage conditions, and other details of the coupons available at individual stores, please visit the Ittoku Pass website (<https://smilink.osakagas.co.jp/ittokupass/>).

***4 Doutor Coffee stores that become Ittoku Pass member stores**

The coupon will become available at Doutor Coffee shops and Excelsior Caffés in the six prefectures of the Kansai region (Osaka, Kyoto, Hyogo, Nara, Mie, and Wakayama). Please note that some stores are excluded from the service.

Optional extra overview

Option name	Power Saving Bonus MO	Power Saving Bonus SL
Charge	Free	Free
Application acceptance period	From Tuesday, June 13, 2023	
Power saving periods	Summer (July to Sep.) and winter (Dec. to Feb.)	
Privileges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 500 My Osaka Gas points (to early applicants*⁵ only) • 10 My Osaka Gas points per kWh saved • Ittoku Pass Coupon to be delivered during the power saving periods 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1,000 Sumai LINK Bonus points (to early applicants*⁵ only) • 10 Sumai LINK Bonus points per kWh saved • Ittoku Pass Coupon to be delivered during the power saving periods and on a regular basis
Eligible customers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use electricity provided by Osaka Gas • Have full My Osaka Gas membership 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use electricity provided by Osaka Gas • Have Sumai LINK membership
How to apply	Visit the nearest Osaka Gas service shop, call the toll-free number, or access the website (My Osaka Gas).	Visit the nearest Osaka Gas service shop, call the toll-free number, or access the website (My Osaka Gas).

*5 Applications made between Tuesday, June 13 and Thursday, August 31, 2023

If you are a My Osaka Gas member, click [here](#) to see the details of the services.

Device-type DR service demonstration project overview

Project description	On the dates and times it specifies, Osaka Gas will remotely regulate the temperature settings of the air conditioners installed in the testers' homes, reducing electric power demand and saving power consumption. Note: The testers can change the temperature settings themselves via the app even while remote regulation is being conducted.
Charge	Free
Number of testers to be recruited	First 100 applicants
Tester recruitment period	From June 13, 2023 (until the number of testers to be recruited is reached)
Power saving periods	From July to Sep. 2023 and from Dec. 2023 to Feb. 2024
Privilege* ⁶	One free Nature Remo 3 unit, a smart remote control from Nature Inc.
Eligible customers	Subscribe to one of the power saving optional extras
How to apply	Call the toll-free number.

*6 Since the testers are subscribers to Power Saving Bonus MO/SL, they will enjoy the privileges available to subscribers, but these privileges will not be doubled due to participation in the project.

If you are a My Osaka Gas member, click [here](#) to see the details of the demonstration project.