



MOBILEHOME PARK UTILITY UPGRADE PROGRAM CPUC PROCEEDING UPDATE

THE FOLLOWING IS AN UPDATE ON THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION (CPUC) PROCEEDING TO EVALUATE THE EXPANSION OF THE MOBILEHOME PARK UTILITY UPGRADE PROGRAM.

BACKGROUND

In March 2014, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) approved the Mobilehome Park Utility Upgrade Program, a 3-year safety-driven pilot, that offers mobile home park owners the opportunity to voluntarily replace their park's aging master meter/submeter energy distribution system with a new, professionally installed and utility-owned energy distribution system. Under the pilot program, residents of participating parks become direct utility customers and benefit from all the services and programs offered to SoCalGas® customers.

PILOT PROGRAM

In the first round of the program, approximately 80 percent of eligible mobile home parks in the SoCalGas service territory applied for the program. The CPUC selected 200 mobile home parks, representing approximately 12,000 mobile home spaces, or 10 percent of spaces in the SoCalGas service territory, to participate in the pilot program.

PILOT EXTENSION

Because the pilot was well received by mobile home park owners, residents, and other key stakeholders, in September 2017, the CPUC voted unanimously to extend the program through the end of 2019. The extension has allowed an additional 71 mobile home parks (6,450 mobile home park spaces) across the SoCalGas service territory to participate in the program.

EVALUATION FOR PROGRAM EXPANSION

In May 2018, the CPUC issued an Order Instituting Rulemaking (OIR) to evaluate the results of the Mobilehome Park Upgrade Program and to determine whether to establish a permanent program and, if so, what programmatic modifications should be adopted. The process to evaluate programs is extensive and includes proposals from interested parties, such as utilities and consumer groups, as well as workshops and potentially, evidentiary hearings.

WHERE WE ARE TODAY

In August 2018, the CPUC outlined the issues it will address and the schedule for its proceeding to evaluate the Mobilehome Park Upgrade Program and to determine the program's future.



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