

Utility Conversion Program

# **Program Information**

The Mobilehome Park (MHP) Utility Conversion Program is a statewide program that offers owners of mobile home parks the opportunity to replace their park's energy distribution system with a new, professionally installed energy distribution system. Your mobile home park was selected to participate by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC).

### **Program Benefits**

There are many benefits for both owners and residents of the communities selected to participate in this program.

#### **Enhanced Safety and Reliability**

Mobile home parks will get new, professionally installed, natural gas distribution systems that will enhance safety and reliability, and offer added confidence of a new system maintained by SoCalGas.

### **Establishment Fees Waived**

Upon transfer to direct natural gas service, SoCalGas will waive deposits and fees for residents.

### Access to Customer Programs and Sevices

- California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE) provides a 20 percent rate discount to eligible customers. Those residents already enrolled will have continued access to the program, visit socalgas.com/care
- Energy Savings Assistance Program provides no-cost weatherization for income-qualified customers, visit socalgas.com/improvements
- Medical Baseline Allowance provides an additional natural gas allowance at the lowest baseline rate, for qualified customers with doctor certified medical conditions, visit socalgas.com/medical
- Energy efficiency rebates to help save energy and money, visit socalgas.com/rebates
- Advanced Meter technology empowers customers to monitor their energy usage online and to help set and achieve savings and conservation goals.
- Online detailed billing information to help manage energy use and costs.
- Multiple ways to make bill payments, visit socalgas.com/pay-bill/ways-to-pay

#### What this Means for Residents

Your community's participation in the program means that as a resident, you will become a direct utility customer once the conversion is completed. You will continue to receive service through the existing system during construction. Following construction, you will be provided with instructions on how to establish a SoCalGas customer account. Once you become a customer, you will be billed at residential rates.

#### Keeping the Community Informed

SoCalGas will make every effort to keep owners/managers and residents informed throughout the project. Residents can expect notifications in the form of letters and door hangers. Residents seeking more program information are encouraged to contact their park representative or visit socalgas.com/mobilehome



### Frequently Asked Questions

### Q. How were mobile home parks chosen to participate in this program?

A. CPUC Safety and Enforcement Division, in consultation with the Department of Housing and Community Development, selected mobile home parks based on the CPUC Form of Intents received during their open enrollment period. The CPUC prioritized applicants based on safety and reliability needs.

### Q. What should mobile home park owners and residents expect during construction?

A. As with any construction project, there will be a temporary level of inconvenience. Owners and residents should expect trenching to install underground systems. It may also be necessary to close off access to parts of the mobile home park where work is being completed. Noise, materials and tools in staging areas, and construction crew presence can also be expected during construction. SoCalGas will strive to minimize construction impacts to the community.

### Q. How long will construction last?

A. Construction timelines will vary by mobile home community. SoCalGas representatives will communicate timelines with owners, park management and residents to keep the community updated on project status. Most parks have opted to upgrade both their electric and natural gas infrastructures. SoCalGas will work closely with electric utilities to align construction plans and minimize disruption to residents.

#### Q. Can residents decline to participate?

A. No, all homes must be upgraded to the new natural gas and electric system. Your park's current system will be retired once construction is complete and all homes have been transferred to the new system.

#### Q. Will natural gas service be interrupted for residents?

A. Residents will continue to receive natural gas service from the existing system during construction. When service is transferred over, residents may experience service interruptions lasting about 45 minutes to an hour.

### Q. What are the program costs associated with this upgrade and who is responsible for those costs?

A. The costs for installing new direct natural gas service up to the individual meters, as well as to each mobile home (beyond the meter), are covered by the program and paid for by SoCalGas ratepayers. The owner will pay for the costs to connect common areas to the new meter as well as the costs to remove the old above-ground system.

#### Q. Is there anything residents need to do?

A. Residents will need to create a SoCalGas customer account. Deposits and fees will be waived. As direct customers of SoCalGas, residents will be individually billed at current residential customer rates. SoCalGas will help eligible residents sign up for customer programs that can help them save energy and money. If residents are already participating in a customer assistance program, it will be transferred to their new account.

### Q. How will the location of the Advanced Meter be determined?

A. As part of the program, each home will have its own Advanced Meter located towards the front of the home. The location of the meter will be determined by the SoCalGas engineering team and installed in accordance to the latest codes and standards.

## Q. Will my rent/association fees be increased due to the energy system upgrades?

A. The CPUC has created resident protections for communities participating in the MHP Program. The CPUC does not allow rent increases due solely to infrastructure improvements provided by the MHP Program. Allowable factors for rent increase may include, but are not limited to, an increase in property taxes, operation and maintenance costs, and/or amortizing costs of property improvements other than those made by the MHP Program.

### Q. Who should I contact if I have additional questions or need more information?

A. To learn more about the the MHP Program, visit socalgas.com/mobilehome or call 1-855-894-3010.