



## 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**

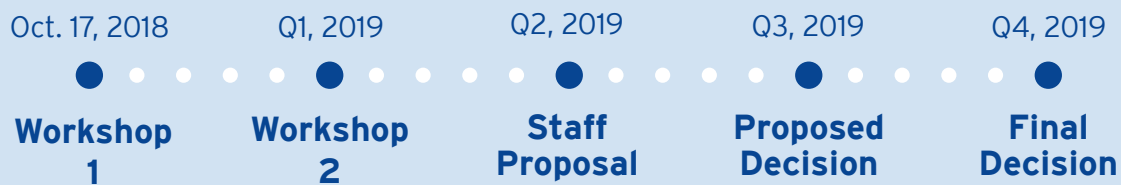
In August 2018, the CPUC outlined the issues it will address and the schedule for its proceeding to evaluate the Mobilehome Park Upgrade Program and to determine the program's future.



**PROCEEDING ISSUES** - The CPUC will address the following issues:

- Pilot evaluation
- Permanent program design
- Permanent program implementation and ongoing administration
- Coordination with non-energy service providers and municipal utilities
- Disadvantaged community participation
- Park conversion to electric-only service as an option
- Consumer protection
- Cost containment and recovery
- Reporting requirements

**PROCEEDING SCHEDULE** - The schedule for the proceeding to create a permanent program is as follows:



The CPUC held workshops in October 2018 and in the first quarter of 2019 for official parties, participating in the proceedings only. Following each workshop, the CPUC will issue a workshop report. All interested stakeholders may submit comments to the CPUC on the reports, expressing support for or concern regarding policy direction.

During the second quarter of 2019, CPUC staff will issue a program proposal, which will provide another opportunity for stakeholders to submit comments to the CPUC. Presently, the CPUC has not scheduled any public participation hearings.

In the third quarter of 2019, the CPUC plans to issue a proposed decision regarding the program. Once issued, official parties can submit final comments or meet with CPUC Commissioners or staff to express any concerns with the proposed decision. Shortly after issuance, the CPUC will vote on the proposed decision.

We will be providing updates as the proceeding progresses and will keep you informed about opportunities to share your opinions about the program with the CPUC.

For program information, go to [socialgas.com/mobilehome](http://socialgas.com/mobilehome) and [cpuc.ca.gov/mhpupgrade](http://cpuc.ca.gov/mhpupgrade).

1. Official Parties are those who have applied to become a party to the proceeding as outlined in CPUC Rule 1.4. More information: [www.cpuc.ca.gov/party\\_to\\_a\\_proceeding](http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/party_to_a_proceeding)

The Mobilehome Park Utility Upgrade Program is funded by California utility customers and administered by SoCalGas under the auspices of the California Public Utilities Commission.