

Energy Efficiency and Natural Gas Utilities

Financing efficiency measures and projects

RESIDENTIAL ENERGY EFFICIENCY LOAN ASSISTANCE PILOT PROGRAM

Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) has been leading an effort to develop a pilot portfolio of finance options with the California Alternative Energy and Advance Transportation Financing Authority (CAEATFA). The finance options will be available to SoCalGas and other California investor-owned utilities (IOU).

This portfolio of efficiency financing options, named the California Hub for Energy Efficiency Financing (or CHEEF), will provide loans to eligible residential single family home, multifamily properties, and small businesses. On-bill repayment will be available to non-residential customers.

The Residential Energy Efficiency Loan Assistance Program (or REEL), will be the first of the CHEEF Pilot Programs that CAEATFA will launch in collaboration with the California Public Utility Commission and the States' IOUs. It will be available to residences of 1-4 units, and will be available to customer of SoCal Gas, San Diego Gas & Electric, Pacific Gas & Electric, and Southern California Edison (SCE). The program includes a loan loss reserve credit enhancement to reduce lender risk in providing access to lower-cost financing for residential energy efficiency projects for customers

Eligible efficiency measures that qualify for REEL loans include attic and wall insulation, clothes washers, central gas furnace, gravity wall furnace, storage and tankless water heaters, and low flow showerheads and faucet aerators. Also eligible for financing is the Home Upgrade Program offered by SoCalGas and other California utilities, which provides a comprehensive look at home energy usage and opportunities to save energy. This program delivers substantial cash rebates and energy savings to customers that adopt a whole house approach to efficiency upgrades.

On March 9, 2015 the Office of Administrative Law approved CAEATFA's Proposed Emergency Regulations to establish the Residential Energy Efficiency Loan Assistance Program. CAEATFA is beginning to recruit and train Participating Financial Institutions, Participating Finance Lenders and contractors to participate in the program. CAEATFA staff expects to begin accepting loan enrollment applications in mid-2015.

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Wed Links: California Hub for Energy Efficiency Financing Pilot Programs (CHEEF) <http://www.treasurer.ca.gov/caeatfa/cheef/>

SoCalGas Energy Efficiency <http://socalgas.com/for-your-home/energy-savings/>

Southern California Gas Company (a Sempra Energy utility) serves Claremont, California — one of 50 communities across the United States competing in the Georgetown University Energy Prize to make the most significant impact on energy savings.