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Riverside Public Utilities & SoCalGas Partnership Will Provide Comprehensive Efficiency Programs

Riverside, Calif. – Riverside Public Utilities (RPU) and Southern California Gas Co. (SoCalGas) have joined together via a master inter-utility agreement that will allow the utilities to combine their efforts to provide wide-ranging water, energy, and gas efficiency programs to their Riverside customers.

“We’re very excited about this new agreement and what it means for both our utilities,” said RPU Interim General Manager Steve Badgett. “It will give us the opportunity to provide expanded programs that can offer greater savings to a wide variety of customers.”

The utilities have separately provided their residential and commercial customers with a number of conservation and efficiency incentive programs for years. In 2012, RPU joined with SoCalGas to jointly administer the gas utility’s Energy Savings Assistance Program for income-qualified customers, and provided funding for additional electric saving measures to the program. Its success led to the exploration for additional partnerships.

“Working together, we identified several existing programs that could be combined to create better value and comprehensive savings for our shared customers,” said Gillian Wright, SoCalGas director of customer programs and assistance. “Our inter-utility agreement demonstrates how public-private partnerships can benefit the community.”

Among the programs initially targeted for the partnership include RPU’s popular

and successful Small Business Direct Installation (SBDI) program, which offers assistance with things like lighting retrofits, HVAC system tune-ups, LED case lighting, and efficient motor installations. Through adding gas utility incentives, it is hoped that new customer segments will be reached citywide.

For additional information about RPU and SoCalGas efficiency programs visit online at GreenRiverside.com and socialgas.com.

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Established in 1895, Riverside Public Utilities is a consumer-owned water and electric utility governed by a board of nine community volunteers that provides high quality, reliable services to over 106,000 metered electric customers and up to 64,000 metered water customers throughout the City of Riverside. The Utility is committed to increased use of renewable energy resources and sustainable living practices that help reduce environmental impacts within the City of Riverside and the state of California.

www.RiversidePublicUtilities.com www.GreenRiverside.com www.BlueRiverside.com

About Southern California Gas Co.

[Southern California Gas Co.](http://SouthernCaliforniaGasCo.com) has been delivering clean, safe and reliable natural gas to its customers for more than 140 years. It is the nation's largest natural gas distribution utility, providing service to 20.9 million consumers connected through nearly 5.8 million meters in more than 500 communities. The company's service territory encompasses approximately 20,000 square miles throughout central and Southern California, from Visalia to the Mexican border. SoCalGas is a regulated subsidiary of Sempra Energy (NYSE: SRE).