

## NEWS RELEASE

### **The Gas Company Launches Its Apartment and Mobile Home Energy Efficiency Rebate Program for 2006-2008**

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 14, 2005 — Southern California Gas Company (The Gas Company) has launched its Multi-Family Energy Efficiency Rebate Program for 2006-2008, which can help owners and managers of multi-family apartment buildings and mobile home parks save thousands of dollars in water heating costs.

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"This year's multi-family program offers rebates of up to \$1,500 for qualifying energy-efficient equipment, such as boilers and controllers. Rebates for central water heaters are \$500," said Mark Gaines, director of customer programs at The Gas Company.

Gaines urged apartment and mobile home park owners not to overlook the advantages of controllers, which keep track of the periods of high demand and low demand—and adjusts the water heater's energy use accordingly. "Controllers can help apartment owners save money by conserving energy during off-peak periods," Gaines said.

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"Installing new central water heaters and controllers turned out to be one of the best things we've ever done for our property," said Dorothy Slack, property manager for The Aspens in Riverside, which took advantage of The Gas Company's rebates last spring. "We're using less gas and we never run out of hot water."

The rebates are available to owners (and their authorized agents) of existing residential multi-family complexes with two or more dwelling units. Rebates in this year's program are available on a first-come, first served basis and are subject to change without notice.

To download the multi-family rebate application, visit [www.socalgas.com/residential/contractors/](http://www.socalgas.com/residential/contractors/). For more information, contact the program manager, Kathy Van Cott, at (714) 634-3052.

"Energy efficiency is a critical business issue, and The Gas Company offers incentives, training programs and other services to help customers of all sizes save energy and money," Gaines said.

The Gas Company is also offering more information on energy-efficient water heating at the "Hot Water Solutions for Multifamily Customers Seminar and Expo," which will take place at the company's Energy Resource Center in Downey. To find out more, log on to [www.socalgas.com/business/resource\\_center/erc\\_home.shtml](http://www.socalgas.com/business/resource_center/erc_home.shtml)

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