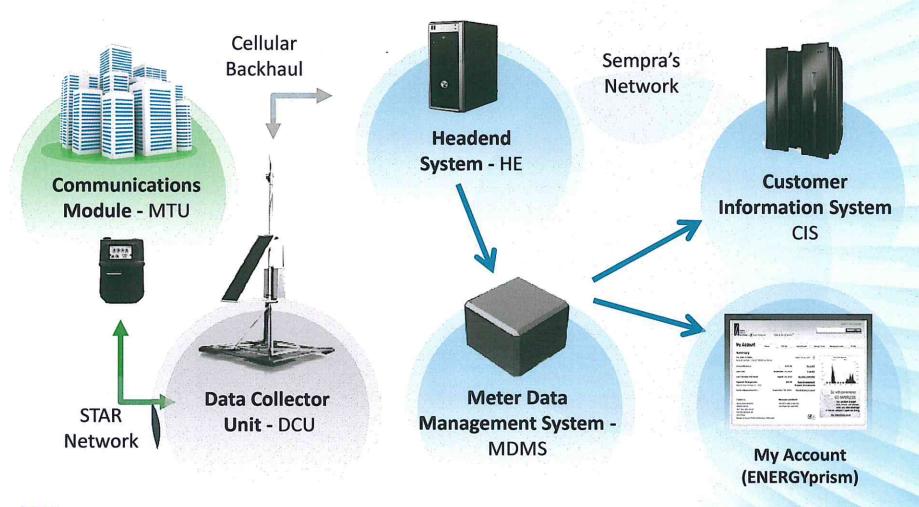
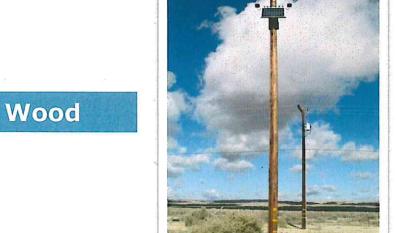
### **Advanced Meter** *Infrastructure*







### **Pole & Installation Types**

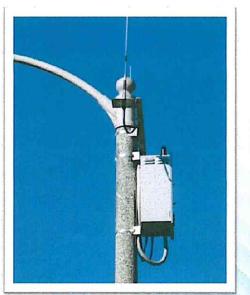




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**Attachment** 

# ADVANCED METER SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

5/4/2014





### What is the Advanced Meter Project?

- California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) decision received in April 2010 authorizing \$1.05 billion to upgrade approximately 6 million existing natural gas meters with a communication device by 2017
- Automatically reads and securely transmits hourly gas usage information on a "next day" basis
- Provides more frequent and detailed information to help customers better manage energy use and costs
- SoCalGas employees will perform installations
- Advanced meter installation began in October 2012



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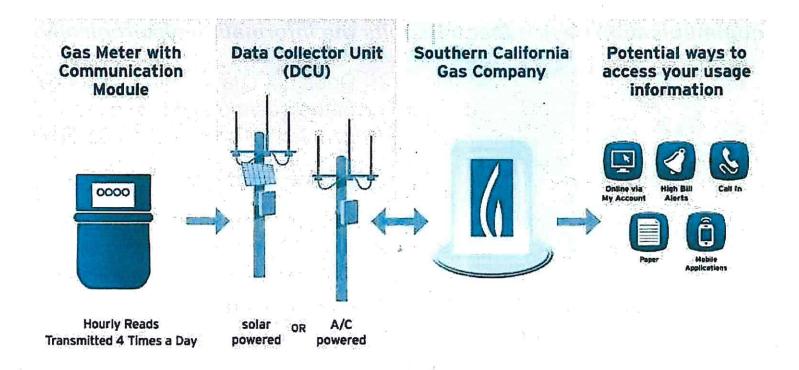
### **How Does It Work?**

Gas usage is still recorded in the traditional way, it's a new communication device that transmits the information electronically



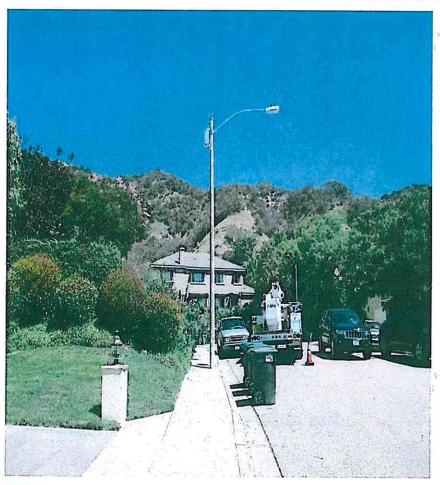
- Does not change the functionality of the gas meter; No remote connect / disconnect capabilities
- Device is off most of the time
- Securely transmits 12 hours of data 4 times per day to a Data Collector Unit (total "on" time is less than 2 minutes per year)
- Battery-powered
- Does not communicate with other meters
- Does not communicate with appliances in the home

## How is the Information Transmitted?





## About the Network – Data Collection Units (DCUs)



- Installing approximately 4,000 DCUs throughout SoCalGas' service territory
- Mostly pole mounted
- Antennas mounted 24 feet or higher (licensed 450 MHz frequency)
- A/C or Solar Powered
- 21.5" H x 13.6" W x 8.25" D
- Maximum DCU weight is 55 lbs
- Built-in Redundancy: Advanced Meters will communicate with two to three DCUs



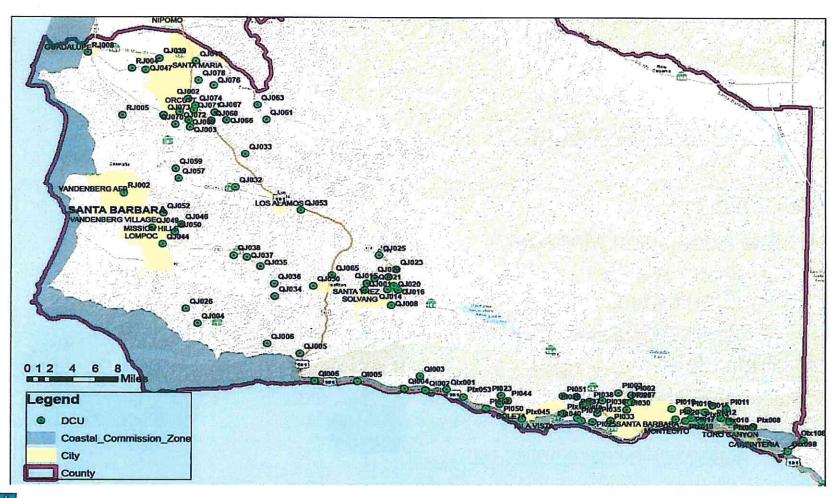
### **Advanced Meter Status**

- Over 2,300 DCUs installed throughout SCG service territory to date
- ~100 DCUs to be installed in Santa Barbara County by December 31, 2014
- Over 1 million gas meters upgraded throughout SCG service territory to date
- ~73,000 SCG gas meters to be upgraded in Santa Barbara starting in February 2016





## DCUs in Santa Barbara County





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