

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: To the members of the Energy and Environment Committee: I am a ratepayer and environmental justice advocate who firmly believes Angelenos should not be poisoned, harmed, or killed by the energy we use. Accelerating electrification is key to ensuring we get off dirty gas, especially in a seismic area. I have been electrifying my own home little by little and working to get LADWP rebates has been painful and s-l-o-w! I installed a heat pump last year in February and sent in my rebate right after, but I did not get a response that they received it until July. After having called/emailed LADWP several times and having my council office intervene (CD5) I finally got my rebate in March of this year. It should not take a year and several phone calls and emails to get a rebate. Moreover, three years ago, I got a cistern to collect rainwater, and I never received the rebate, even after contacting my council office. It is shameful that our public utility is mismanaging rebates so badly which means many ratepayers are unable to consider electrification since they cannot wait a year or forgo the rebate altogether. I sincerely hope that LADWP changes its way and not only makes it easier to apply for the rebates but makes it possible to front the rebates to enable more ratepayers to electrify their homes. Additionally, no public money should be spent on replacing gas appliances with newer gas appliances as that would only benefit SoCalGas and we must stop incentivizing new fossil-fuel appliances.