



# City of San Antonio

## Agenda Memorandum

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**Agenda Item Number:** 2

**Agenda Date:** June 28, 2022

**In Control:** Municipal Utilities Committee

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**DEPARTMENT:** Finance

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Troy Elliott, Deputy Chief Financial Officer

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** City Wide

**SUBJECT:** Briefing by CPS Energy on Equity, Energy Burden & Customer Assistance

**BACKGROUND:**

In December 2021, the CPS Energy Rate Advisory Committee (RAC) received a briefing from The Brattle Group's report on Energy Affordability including Energy Burden for customers at varying income levels.

CPS Energy has an array of affordability programs to assist customers with their energy bills and ease the impact of energy burden. Further in November 2021, City Council approved \$20 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for CPS Energy utility assistance to address the increase in past-due accounts since beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic.

**ISSUE:**

CPS Energy will provide a briefing on the concepts of equity and energy burden in the utility industry and the development of their equity strategy to include customer outreach and progress achieved to connect customers with assistance through existing programs to include the allocation of the \$20M in ARPA funds.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

This item is for briefing purposes only.