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October 2025

# E-Newsletter

## Happy Halloween!

Cooler weather has graced our great state and I, for one, couldn't be happier. In Louisiana and the south, we know our cooler temp days are numbered so enjoy them to their fullest while they hang around. This is the layer or shedding season after all!

The holidays are just around the corner and lots of preparations for different things will be forthcoming. Some preparations you may take part in is preparing holiday meals. If you're planning to fry a turkey this Thanksgiving or holiday season, there are a few things to keep in mind. Only use equipment that is meant to be used outdoors. Make sure you are in an open space at a reasonable distance from any buildings and on a level surface. Don't store anything flammable or combustible near your propane fryer. If you think something is wrong with your propane tank before use, find a trustworthy and reliable dealer to assess it. If you suspect a leak, call your propane dealer's emergency contact number for immediate assistance. Finally, make sure your turkey is completely thawed before putting it in the fryer.

Effective November 1, 2025, the U.S. will implement a 25% tariff on imported medium- and heavy-duty trucks and their parts and covered buses will have a 10% tariff. For details, please see this fact sheet developed for NPGA members. For the most up-to-date information on tariffs related to the propane industry, please visit this page.

As always, if you have any questions or need any information regarding the association, please contact the LPGA office at 225-763-8922 or email our Executive Director Randy Hayden at [randy@ccilouisiana.com](mailto:randy@ccilouisiana.com).



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## **2025-2026 Calendar of Events**

**November 6-7, 2025:** Leadership Summit, Dupont Circle Hotel-Washington, DC.

**December 15, 2025:** NPGF Scholarship Applications Open.

**December 16, 2025-1:00 pm:** Fourth Quarter Board of Directors Meeting, Church Street Inn-Natchitoches.

**February 15, 2026:** NPGF Scholarship Applications Close.

**March 2026:** First Quarter Board of Directors Meeting-Date and Location TBD.

**June 7-9, 2026:** NPGA Propane Days, Hilton Washington, DC-Capitol Hill.

**June 29-July 2, 2026:** APGA/LPGA Annual Summer Convention, Hilton Hotel-Pensacola Beach, FL.

**June 30, 2026:** Second Quarter Board of Directors Meeting, Hilton Hotel-Pensacola Beach, FL.

## **PERC's Propane Autogas Vehicle Inspection Grant Program**

Applications are open now through December 19, 2025 for PERC's 2026 Propane Autogas Vehicle Inspection Grant Program. Learn more and apply here!

This PERC program gives students an elevated, hands-on learning experience, and more career opportunities after graduation, with a propane-specific curriculum and the chance to outfit your classroom lab with propane related equipment through the Propane Autogas Vehicle Inspection Grant Program.

Approved grant recipients will receive \$7,500 worth of grant funds, which includes:

A propane autogas specific training aid to include in your training facility -- a \$5,000+ value. The autogas training aid, provided by PERC in partnership with Blossman Services, is a detailed, scale model of a pickup truck frame, showcasing all the critical elements of an autogas system in their actual locations.

The remaining \$2,500 covers expenses related to your class instructor's attendance at a mandatory Train the Trainer class and marketing the new curriculum to prospective students.

# Residential Space Heating with Electricity on the Rise

As detailed by the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey, in 2024, 42% of American households used electricity for primary residential space heating, an increase of 7% from 2010 when this figure was only 35% nationally. Put another way, electricity's residential heating market share increased 20% over the last 14 years. During this same 14-year period, the percentage of Americans who used natural gas for household heating declined from 49% to 47%. While natural gas is still the most common residential thermal fuel, its overall market share has shrunk.

Last year, across the country, 5% of households used propane for primary space heating – the same aggregate market penetration as 14 years earlier. Among delivered fuels, propane stood alone in maintaining market share. In 2010, 6% of households used heating oil and 2% relied on wood. In 2024, those figures declined to 4% and 1%, respectively. In 2018, propane's residential space heating market share surpassed heating oil, and has remained there ever since. Clearly, some homeowners who once burned heating oil or wood have transitioned to propane, which is great for air quality and public

health.

Last year, 53% of all propane sales were to the residential sector, with the lion's share of fuel being used for space heating. NPGA is focused on protecting and growing propane's use as a clean-burning thermal fuel. To that end, NPGA has created a new data visualization tool dedicated to providing more information on the residential thermal marketplace, with data available for each state, county, zip code, and tribal nation across the country. The space heating market tool is accessible to NPGA members via the Member Dashboard.

For more information, contact NPGA's Senior Director of State Advocacy & Affairs, Jacob Peterson at [jpeterson@npga.org](mailto:jpeterson@npga.org).



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# Whole Home on Propane

Generators can help your customers maintain their quality of life during electric grid outages. Help your customers understand that choosing propane appliances over electric options reduces the electric demands of the home. Propane appliances, such as water heaters, furnaces, and stoves can reduce their electric load, therefore reducing the size and price-tag of the generator required to support the needs of the home. A whole-home solution, brought to you by propane.

Propane marketers often work with residential building professionals and homeowners to advise and install propane appliances. Increased energy demands, paired with more frequent power outages and weather events, present significant challenges to the U.S. grid, making generators a desirable and important appliance for homeowners. No longer considered a luxury item—backup generators are becoming a necessity. With this increase in interest, propane marketers should know how to confidently offer a “whole-home” solution utilizing propane systems and appliances, which includes power generation.

So, what does a “whole-home” solution mean?

This refers to an opportunity where homeowners can decrease their dependence on electricity by installing more propane-powered appliances throughout their home. By choosing propane appliances like water heaters and furnaces instead of electric models, homeowners can lower their overall electric load. This reduced electricity demand allows for a smaller, more affordable generator to be installed, saving the homeowners thousands in long-term energy expenses and providing comfort and security.

The more propane appliances, the lower the electricity demand, the smaller the size of the generator needed to power the home.

To learn more and develop your knowledge on whole-home solutions, how it works, the benefits, costs, and the appliance choices for an energy resilient home, head to PERC’s Learning Center. You will find the eLearning course Residential Generator Options and Sizing. Also download the “Generators Fact Sheet” and “Generator Sizing for Homes” one pager on propane.com. Coming soon in December 2025, PERC will also offer a course for building professionals on “Generator Sizing for

Whole Home Solutions”. Stay tuned for this new training available in the Learning Center.

By positioning propane as the cornerstone of a whole-home energy strategy, marketers can help homeowners achieve peace of mind, cost savings, and reliable comfort during outages. Propane appliances not only reduce strain on the electric grid but also optimize generator performance, making backup power more accessible and affordable. As energy challenges continue to rise, propane stands out as a resilient, American-made solution that protects homeowners today while preparing them for tomorrow.



## The Propane Industry Disaster Relief Fund

# NPGAid

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### What is NPGAid?

NPGAid provides financial assistance to full-time NPGA member company employees following an unforeseen disaster or personal hardship. NPGAid is *by propane, for propane* and 100% of donations go directly to members of the industry in need of support.

### Apply for Assistance

Visit [www.NPGAid.com](http://www.NPGAid.com) to review the FAQ and submit a confidential application for a tax-free grant.<sup>1</sup>

Questions? Contact the NPGAid Applicant Support Team at Emergency Assistance Foundation<sup>2</sup> 24/7 at [www.NPGAid.com](http://www.NPGAid.com).

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# Bringing Propane's Power to the Whole Home

Generators can help your customers maintain a good quality of life during electric grid outages. If your customer is considering adding propane power generation to their home, help them understand how reducing the number of electric appliances in favor of propane appliances, such as water heaters and furnaces, can reduce their electric load. This will not only reduce the cost of a new whole-home backup generator but also help them save on energy costs when power is restored.

## HELP YOUR CUSTOMERS SPECIFY THE RIGHT GENERATOR FOR THEIR HOME

A standby generator can ensure a homeowner's quality of life by keeping the electricity flowing in the event of a power failure, and it can even serve as a primary energy source for homes built off the grid.



# October Safety Tip of the Week from PERC

•**Week 39 (October 6th)** – To Unload a Bobtail Using a Bobtail Pump: Position the bobtail for the unloading process; Connect the hoses and check for leaks; Start the transfer; End the transfer; Complete the process by closing all liquid and vapor valves on the bulkhead and the cargo tank. Bleed down and disconnect the liquid hose carefully.

•**Week 40 (October 13th)** – Incomplete Combustion Can Be Dangerous: The efficient combustion of propane requires a ratio of 1 part propane to 24 parts air. If this ratio is off or equipment is not working properly, propane may not combust completely. Incomplete combustion can be dangerous. It is your job to understand how to detect incomplete combustion and respond swiftly.

•**Week 41 (October 20th)** – Always Follow These Precautions When a Propane Odor Is Present: The odor of propane suggests its presence, but cannot signify its concentration. Since you have no way of knowing the potential risk, always follow these precautions: Treat all leak reports as propane gas until proven otherwise; Keep the area clear of open flames and electric sparks;

Do not turn on electrical switches, cell phones, or flashlights in the area.

•**Week 42 (October 27th)** – Propane Odor: As a clean energy source, propane is naturally odorless. Thus, to ensure safety in handling propane, a commercial odorant is added. This odorant (most often, ethyl mercaptan) enables easy detection of any leaks or potential hazards that may be caused by them. Per NFPA 58, the presence of the odorant shall be verified by sniff-testing or other means and the results documented prior to final delivery to the end-use customer.



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*Join us in the City of Lights!*

Join us Tuesday, December 16, 2025 at 1:00 pm for the LPGA fourth quarter board of directors meeting at the Church Street Inn (120 Church St., Natchitoches, LA 71457). A Dutch Christmas Dinner will follow that evening at 5:30 pm at Mariner's Restaurant (5948 Highway 1 Bypass).

A room block has been set up at the Church Street Inn for our group under Louisiana Propane. Please contact the hotel directly to make your reservation at 318-238-8888.

**Please RSVP for dinner to [marica@ccilouisiana.com](mailto:marica@ccilouisiana.com).**



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# Don't Blame Data Centers for Rising Electric Bills

*By: Andrew Fanara*

Rarely, if ever, do our nation's most complex public policy problems have a singular cause. Such is the case of rising power bills across the country, and the misleading narrative that electricity is becoming more costly solely because of the growth of the data center industry.

For starters, consider Georgia, where the plan to build multiple new data centers is actually keeping electricity prices steady – bucking the national trend of rising power rates. In fact, Georgia Power, the state's regulated utility, just got approval to freeze its rates for three years. This rate freeze is possible because data centers are pumping vast sums into the state's economy and creating sufficient revenues for Georgia Power to stabilize rates for everyone else.

It is also worth noting, that for all the talk about data center development driving up rates across the country, current data centers are actually clustered in a small handful of states like: Virginia, Texas, California, Illinois, Florida, and New York. But with the explosion of Artificial Intelligence, which will be powered by data centers, these facilities are rapidly expanding into new parts of the country.

However, a planned data center or one under construction does not impact current electric prices.

For example, Louisiana just approved what might one day be the largest data center on the planet for Meta (Facebook's parent company). In the frenzied lead up to the vote by the state's Public Service Commission to approve electric service for the facility, the false narrative of data centers and higher electric prices took hold. It led to inaccurate headlines like "Louisiana's electricity costs rise amid data center boom" even though the state only has a handful of data centers, with no impact on Louisiana's energy prices.

Also, in some states where electricity costs are going up, it's because of external factors that have created roadblocks preventing new sources of generation. For example, PJM, the mid-Atlantic grid operator that encompasses 13 states and the District of Columbia, has become a regime incapable of bringing sufficient new electrons onto the grid.

Now, anger at PJM's failings is bipartisan, with nine Governors – Democrats and Republicans – in the PJM footprint recently sending the grid operator a letter stating, among other things, that: "...PJM's multi-year inability to efficiently connect new resources to its grid and to engage in effective long-term transmission planning has deprived our states of thousands of jobs and billions of dollars in investment..."

PJM's dysfunction means that its available capacity today is about the same as it was in 2024. So, it's no surprise that with the rise of electric demand, including from data centers, that PJM's electricity prices are skyrocketing to alarming levels and creating economic hardships for millions of customers.

Another factor driving up energy costs is that electrification means more Americans are plugging in their electric vehicles, converting to electric stoves, furnaces and water heaters, and using an ever-increasing number of electrified devices. Also, we cannot ignore the fact that parts of the country are experiencing weather extremes, forcing people to use large amounts of electricity to stay comfortable year-round. This drives up energy bills and customers are understandably frustrated.

Other reasons energy prices are rising is because after years of insufficient investment, states now need to spend billions on grid improvements like new transmission lines and distribution wires to people's homes and businesses. Because of this long-term lack of investment in our electric grid, we are dealing with a series of electricity bottlenecks across the country that drives up electricity costs. Data centers, utilities, regulators and grid operators need to come together on this crisis, to ensure that electricity can move more efficiently across the nation.

It's also worth noting, that because the construction of data centers is so appealing to states looking to create jobs and fill tax coffers, many will be built. But, again, that doesn't mean they need to drive-up electricity rates. In Georgia, an additional reason they could implement a three-year rate freeze, was because the electric utility, working with state regulators and their data center customers, was able to create a special rate class for data centers to ensure they cover their share of grid maintenance, and those costs are not passed onto customers.

Other options to protect customers from rate hikes due to data center expansion, include using AI to coordinate with the utilities so that when demand spikes – say during a heatwave – those data centers can be throttled down to use less electricity. Data centers can also have their own generation onsite to reduce demand and lower electricity prices. If those data centers want to also use the electric grid as a backup, again, they must pay their fair share for maintaining that infrastructure. But with coordination and common sense, utilities and data centers can profit without exposing customers to risk.

It's also worth saying that the rush to falsely blame data centers as the single greatest contributing factor to rising electric bills is not benign. After all, if lawmakers and regulators seek to lower energy costs, by throwing up roadblocks to data center construction, they will be trying to solve a problem by addressing the wrong cause. In the end, the result will be poorly crafted public policy that hamstring the tech sector and our economy but fails to help the American people cope with rising electricity costs.

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# HAPPY Halloween

