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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

As 2025 comes to a close, we hope you all had a wonderful holiday season with family and loved ones. While this time of year is not happy and cheerful for everyone, we hope you were able to find comfort, peace and solace in the reason for the season. Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and Happy Holidays!

Thank you to everyone who joined us in beautiful Natchitoches, LA for our last board meeting of 2025 and our annual Christmas dinner. It is always such a joy to share food amongst friends who feel like family. And you can't beat Natchitoches during Christmas also known appropriately as the City of Lights. We hope you enjoy your time there as much as we do!

2026 LPGA membership dues and information will be sent out shortly. All current members and recent non-members should receive the information. If someone you know would like to be a member or you feel like they should consider becoming a member, please help us out and pass along the information to them. We are happy to assist in any way that we can to facilitate memberships. Please make every effort to turn your dues in as soon as possible so there is no lapse in benefits for your company. We appreciate each and every one of you!

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.

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2026 Calendar of Events

February 15: NPGF Scholarship Applications Close.

February 25-26: National Propane & Education Training Conference, Embassy Suites-Fort Lauderdale, FL.

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

April 16-21: Southeastern Convention & International Propane Expo, Music City Center-Nashville, TN.

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

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

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

September 2026: Third Quarter Board of Directors Meeting-Date and Location TBD.

December 2026: Fourth Quarter Board of Directors Meeting-Date and Location TBD.

NPGF Scholarships

The National Propane Gas Foundation Scholarship Fund (NPGF/SF) is excited to kick off the 2026-2027 scholarship program on December 15. Children of employees of NPGA member companies, state propane associations, or PERC are eligible to apply. Applicants may be pursuing any course of study at two- and four-year colleges or technical, trade, or vocational schools. Students pursuing propane-related careers are especially encouraged to apply.

Every year, the NPGF/SF awards \$1,000 and \$2,000 scholarships to 100+ students. Since 1994, the NPGF Scholarship Fund has awarded more than \$2.7 million to 1800+ children of NPGA member company employees!

Key Dates: December 15 – application window opens
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Visit NPGA's website at www.npga.org/news-resources/scholarships to learn about this opportunity including important FAQs, read about past scholarship recipients, see a list of the generous donors who make this program possible, and apply starting on December 15.

Questions? Contact us at scholarship@npga.org

Cut into Wood's Space Heating Market Share

Meteorological winter has begun and we are fast approaching the core of the winter heating season. Residential space heating is the most important end-use application for the propane industry. And space heating, itself, is the most energy-intensive application in most households.

In the delivered fuels realm, the propane industry often focuses on the economic and environmental benefits of transitioning heating oil customers to clean-burning propane. However, in the vast majority of states, wood (cord or pellet), not heating oil, is the second most popular delivered fuel for primary household space heating purposes.

In the following 33 states, wood's space heating market share is greater than heating oil: Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Washington State, West Virginia, Wisconsin,

and Wyoming. These states, which are concentrated in the West, Midwest and South, provide an excellent opportunity to grow propane's thermal market share.

Using propane instead of firewood protects trees, which are natural carbon sinks, and reduces deforestation. It would also greatly improve local air quality, as wood smoke contains high levels of particulate matter. Further, wood's residential utility stops at space heating. In contrast, propane can be used for space heating, water heating, clothes drying, fireplaces, pool heating, power generation, and cooking applications.

NPGA will continue to focus on expanding propane's residential space heating market share. For more information, contact NPGA's Senior Director of State, at JPeterson@npga.org.



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EDUCATION FOR GROWING AUTOGAS SALES

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Paratransit

Paratransit services play an essential role in communities across the United States, helping seniors and individuals with disabilities maintain mobility, independence, and access to critical resources. With more than 6,800 transit agencies operating nationwide, many of which include paratransit programs, the need for dependable, cost-effective, and environmentally responsible transportation has never been greater. As agencies evaluate long-term fleet strategies, propane autogas has emerged as a practical, proven, and increasingly popular alternative to conventional fuels.

Paratransit vehicles run daily, often on predictable routes, and experience extended idle times, conditions that are ideally suited to the strengths of propane autogas. Unlike diesel and gasoline vehicles, propane-powered engines produce significantly fewer greenhouse gas emissions and dramatically reduce harmful pollutants, including nitrogen oxides and particulate matter. This cleaner operation not only supports agency sustainability goals but also improves air quality in the communities these services support.

Beyond emissions benefits, propane autogas offers a meaningful reduction in operating costs. Fuel prices for propane typically run 30 to 50 percent lower than diesel or gasoline, delivering immediate savings that scale with fleet size. Because propane burns cleaner,

it also helps reduce engine wear, which in turn lowers maintenance costs and contributes to longer engine life. These advantages make propane a strong fit for agencies seeking both environmental and financial returns.

One of the most significant benefits propane autogas brings to paratransit fleets is energy resilience. Agencies can install affordable, on-site propane refueling infrastructure that allows them to maintain direct control over their energy supply. This option ensures fast, reliable refueling without dependence on the electric grid, an important consideration for fleets that must remain operational during power outages, extreme weather events, or periods of high electricity demand.

On-site fueling also provides predictable fuel availability, streamlined logistics, and simplified planning for daily operations. For agencies tasked with ensuring consistent service to vulnerable populations, the assurance of uninterrupted refueling is a critical operational advantage.

Transit and paratransit providers across the country are increasingly turning to propane autogas as they look for ways to meet sustainability commitments, reduce long-term costs, and enhance fleet reliability.



November Safety Tip of the Week from PERC

•**Week 47 (December 1st)** – Mobile Crane Safety - Site Assessment: Proper site planning and preparation are extremely important to ensure a safe and trouble-free lift. An assessment must be conducted before you bring any vehicle or equipment on the job site.

•**Week 48 (December 8th)** – Mobile Crane Safety - Crane Operator Requirements: Qualifications for personnel to operate a crane include proper training, good physical condition, and knowledge of your responsibilities at all times.

•**Week 49 (December 15th)** – Mobile Crane Safety - Overhead Power Line Safety: Overhead power lines are among the biggest dangers that you will encounter as a crane operator or rigger. To protect yourself, your co-workers, and bystanders from electrocution while operating your truck or crane near overhead power lines, several safe operating guidelines should be followed.

•**Week 50 (December 22nd)** – Mobile Crane Safety - Daily Inspections: Cranes and rigging equipment must

be inspected regularly to identify potentially unsafe conditions. A thorough inspection program can help to reduce equipment failures and malfunctions. Every type of crane should be inspected by the operator prior to each use. Make sure you check the manufacturer's operating manual for inspection routines and items to check for on your specific crane.

•**Week 51 (December 29th)** – Enroll in the Every Day Safe Program: The Every Day Safe Program is designed to help companies evaluate and build a strong culture of safety one habit, one goal, one day at a time. Go to propane.com/EveryDaySafe to learn more and enroll.



The Propane Industry Disaster Relief Fund



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 to review the FAQ and submit a confidential application for a tax-free grant.¹


Questions? Contact the NPGAid Applicant Support Team at Emergency Assistance Foundation² 24/7 at www.NPGAid.com.

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The National Propane Gas Foundation (NPGF) Scholarship Fund awards \$1,000 and \$2,000 scholarships to students pursuing any course of study at two- and four-year colleges or technical, trade, or vocational schools. Students pursuing propane-related careers are especially encouraged to apply. Eligible applicants are children of employees of NPGA member companies, state propane associations, or PERC.

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Key Dates

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Learn more and apply, read about past scholarship recipients, and see a list of our generous donors and sponsors at

www.npga.org/news-resources/scholarships

Questions?

Contact us at scholarship@npga.org

FERC Publishes Five Year Index

On November 19, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) published its docket on the 2026-2031 Five Year Index. The Commission proposes to utilize the middle 80% of data, and establish a 5 Year Index of the Producer Price Index (PPI) minus 1.42%. NPGA and its outside counsel will be contesting this proposal, seeking to utilize the middle 50% of data, and establish a 5 Year Index of the PPI minus 1.93%.

Separately, on November 20, FERC issued an Order on our two outstanding issues. As a reminder, NPGA and its counsel asked FERC to invalidate retroactive charges assessed by pipelines between March 1, 2022, and September 17, 2024. NPGA and its counsel also asked FERC to reinstate the prior Five Year Index for 2021-2026, which was the PPI minus 0.21% for the remainder of its term. FERC ruled against our position in both arguments in this decision. FERC reasoned that the retroactive charges were appropriate to make the pipelines whole as if the amended Five Year Index at PPI minus 0.21% had never been put in place.

Further, FERC provided the opportunity for notice and

comment to revise the 2021 5 Year Index back down to PPI minus 0.21% from the current PPI plus 0.78% late last year, but, in this order, exercised its discretion not to change the current 5 Year Index.

NPGA will continue to work on behalf of the propane industry to achieve the most favorable rates possible under the upcoming 5 Year Index. For questions or additional information, please contact Benjamin Nussdorf at Bnussdorf@npga.org.



Energy Choice Act Moves Forward

On Wednesday, December 3, the House Energy and Commerce Committee passed the *Energy Choice Act* out of committee by a vote of 24 – 21. This development tees up the legislation for a House floor vote, representing another significant step in the legislative process.

The *Energy Choice Act* is one of NPGA's top legislative priorities for 2025 and was a top policy ask during this year's Propane Days. In fact, prior to Propane Days, the *Energy Choice Act* only had 43 cosponsors in the House. To date, the legislation currently has 137 cosponsors. This growth in interest is indicative of the work NPGA and its members have put into advancing this crucial piece of legislation.

To put the following into perspective, the *Energy Choice Act* had only 25 cosponsors in the House during the entire 118th Congress (2023-2024) and lacked a Senate companion bill. However, for the first time, this Congress (119th), NPGA helped to secure an *Energy Choice Act* bill in the Senate. This legislation has come a long way, but there is still a lot of work to be done. NPGA is eager for the next steps in the process,

including the Full House taking up the bill for a vote and similar consideration in the Senate. Staff will continue to meet with lawmakers and their staff on Capitol Hill to promote the *Energy Choice Act* and work to get it across the finish line.

For more information on the *Energy Choice Act* and its current status, please contact Steven Dyke, NPGA's Manager of Federal Legislative Affairs, Sdyke@npga.org.





NPGA works for you. 2025 was a year of big wins for legislative and regulatory advocacy.

Capitol Hill & State Advocacy

Congressional Review Act

Residential Non-Condensing Gas Water Heaters – Rule Overturned

Advanced Clean Truck EV Mandates (including bobtails) – Rule Overturned

320+ Congressional Meetings attended by industry members during NPGA's Propane Days in Washington, D.C.

National Energy Choice Act

Introduced by Rep. Langworthy (NY) and Sen. Justice (WV), 119 House co-sponsors

State Energy Choice

28 states with active energy choice laws in place

13 States Under 21 HME (intrastate commerce)

Federal Regulatory

Longest and Broadest Hours of Service Waiver

- Entire continental US: Jan 10-31, plus
- 43 state extension: Feb 1- Feb 15 + 22 states for another 13 days

Department of Energy: Restriction on decorative hearths and outdoor heaters—Rule Overturned

Energy Star Labels: EPA to eliminate coverage for gas appliances—Decision Reversed

Pipeline & Hazardous Materials Administration: Formal guidance on remote power shut off regulations

PHMSA HMIT Grant

- 19 state / regional PGAs received subgrants: \$400K

Engaged with DOJ, FTC, OMB: Comprehensive Deregulatory Package