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ties, or heaters at the docks warm LNG into its natural state for pumping into a pipeline.

With LNG, though, foreign sellers have clout to divert a tanker carrying the product at sea to higher-paying customers anywhere on the globe.

“If LNG grows as a feedstock, world market prices for natural gas could end up setting the price of U.S. electricity for more hours of the day, increasing rates,” stresses Morrison. “But opposition to getting more LNG terminals built in this country is at least equivalent to building new coal plants. With natural gas, as opposed to nuclear or coal, diverting it for electricity production directly affects home heating costs for a large swath of the American people, as well as industrial output.”

NRECA CEO Glenn English notes that eventually, “Technology will help us meet ambitious goals for producing sufficient amounts of electric power while reducing carbon dioxide emissions. But until breakthroughs are achieved, both electric reliability and affordability may be compromised as our industry struggles to bring adequate generating capacity on-line during a time of economic uncertainty.”

South Central Power members are encouraged to go to www.ourenergy.coop and begin (or continue) an energy policy dialogue with their elected officials in Washington, D.C.



Our Energy, Our Future
A Dialogue With America

Co-op shopping ideas

Quickly check off those names on your shopping list with thoughtful and practical gifts from your electric cooperative.

Gift Certificates

Make a payment on that special someone’s electric bill at any co-op office. Depending on the purchase date, your gift will appear as a credit on the recipient’s December or January electric bill. The recipient also may apply the amount toward another co-op product.

Security Systems*

Wireless sensors monitor for intrusion, fire, carbon monoxide, flooding, medical emergencies and more. All systems are monitored 24 hours a day. Our trained co-op staff will customize a system for the recipient. The equipment and monitoring are surprisingly affordable, and installation is free.

Personal Emergency Response System*

Get round-the-clock emergency assistance with the Personal Emergency Reporting System (PERS-2400). A simple push of a button activates the transmitter, which can be worn as a pendant or wristband. The two-way voice communicator lets you speak with monitoring center dispatchers. They contact emergency personnel, or pre-selected family members and friends.

**It’s not necessary to be a South Central Power electric customer to purchase a security system or lease a PERS-2400 unit.*

Fire Blankets

Easier to use than a fire extinguisher, just remove the fire blanket from its pouch and drop it on the fire. It can be used on any type of fire, and is reusable. Once the fire is out, simply fold the fire blanket up and return it to the storage pouch. They’re handy in boats or RVs, too. Fire blankets cost \$29.95 plus tax. Call the Security Division.

Fire Escape Ladder

Don’t jump from a second- or third-floor window. These two- and three-story collapsible ladders are fully assembled and ready to use in less than a minute. Nylon strapping, slip-resistant rungs and rung stabilizers add strength and durability. The ladder stores easily under a bed or window.

Two-story fire escape ladders are \$59.95 plus tax. Three-story ladders are \$109.95 plus tax. Call the Security Division.

Meter tampering is illegal

In Ohio, electricity theft is a first-degree misdemeanor if the value of the stolen electricity, plus any equipment repair, is less than \$150. It’s a fourth degree felony if more than \$150 or if the offender previously was convicted of the charge.

Tampering with an electric meter carries similar penalties. The offender does not have to be caught in the act. The law states that reconnecting a meter disconnected by a utility is *prima facie* evidence that the user intended to defraud the utility. Conviction can result in penalties ranging from six months in jail and a \$1,000 fine to five years in jail and a \$2,500 fine.

Tampering with an electric meter is illegal — and dangerous. Serious injury and death from electrocution has resulted from the tampering of an electric meter.

If you suspect someone of meter tampering, contact South Central Power immediately. Stealing electricity is a crime and anyone caught violating the law will be prosecuted.

