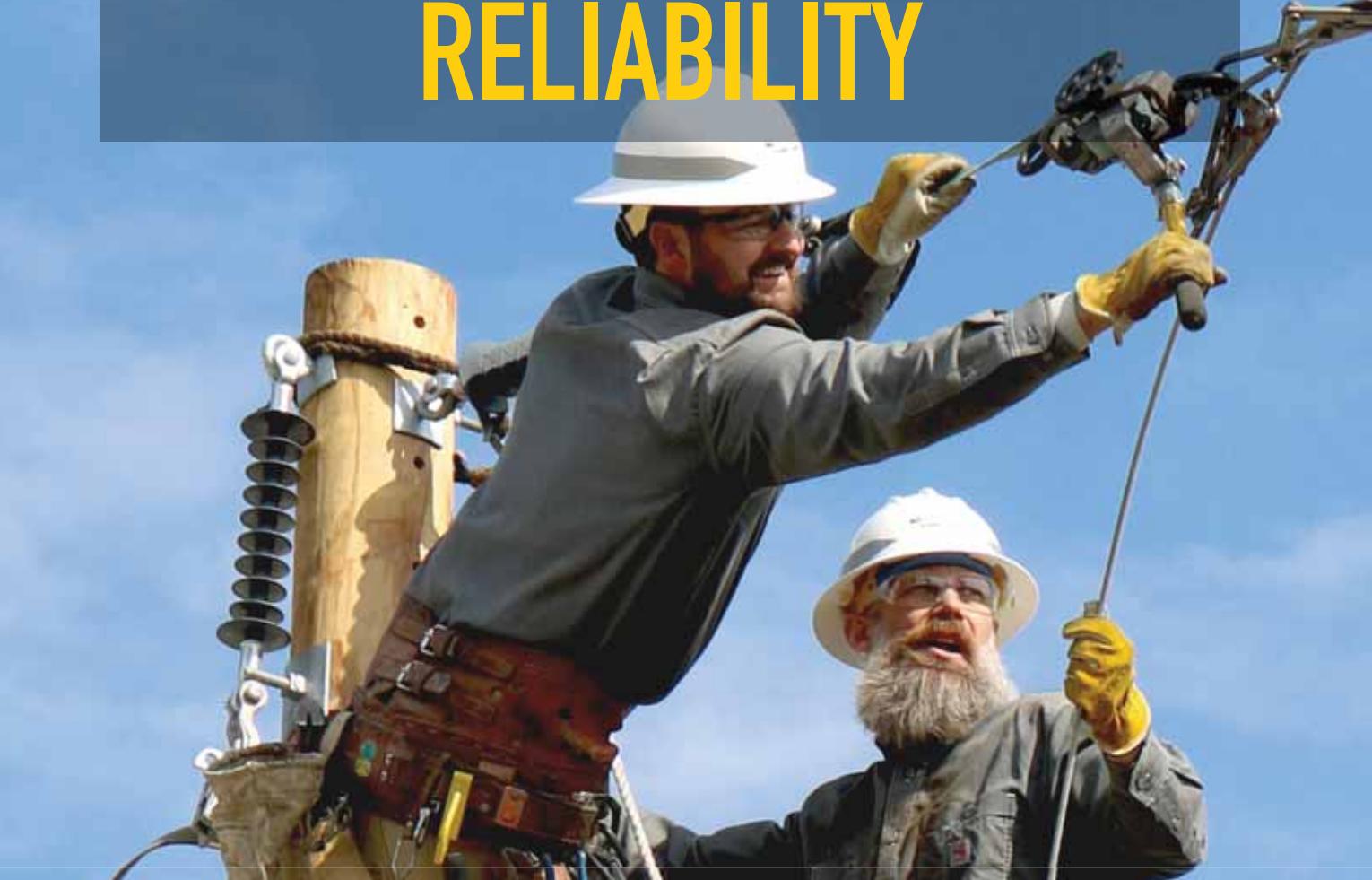


THE IMPORTANCE OF RELIABILITY



American families and businesses expect the lights to stay on at a cost they can afford. But that's no longer a guarantee. Nine states saw rolling blackouts last December as the demand for electricity exceeded available supply.

Electric cooperatives are working towards meaningful solutions to address the reliability challenges spreading across the nation. Policymakers should recognize that the electrification of the economy, disorderly retirement and insufficient replacement of existing generation, permitting challenges, supply chain shortages, and the availability of natural gas all impact the reliability of the electric grid.

