

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 March 25, 2021

3 ENGROSSED HOUSE  
4 BILL NO. 1815

By: McBride of the House

5 and

6 David of the Senate

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8 An Act relating to renewable gas energy; making  
9 certain declaration; declaring legislative intent;  
10 defining terms; requiring the Oklahoma Corporation  
11 Commission to issue a report and recommendations to  
12 the Legislature by a certain date; providing for  
13 codification; and providing an effective date.

14 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

15 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
16 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 801.8 of Title 17, unless there  
17 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

18 A. The Legislature declares that renewable natural gas is a  
19 complement to our state's vast natural gas and renewable energy  
20 resources that can be carbon neutral or carbon negative.

21 B. It is further declared the intent of the Legislature to  
22 ensure renewable natural gas is allowable in the portfolio of  
23 natural gas utilities on behalf of Oklahoma energy consumers for  
24 their fueling, heating and power needs, and that natural gas

1 utilities play a unique and necessary role in procuring,  
2 transporting and delivering gas, including renewable natural gas, to  
3 Oklahoma energy consumers.

4 C. For purposes of this section:

5 1. "Biogas" means a mixture of carbon dioxide and hydrocarbons,  
6 primarily methane gas, released from the biological decomposition of  
7 waste, including, but not limited to, animal manure, wastewater,  
8 municipal solid waste, landfilled waste, fats, oils and greases and  
9 food waste; and

10 2. "Renewable natural gas" means:

11 a. biogas-derived methane gas that is interchangeable  
12 with geologic natural gas,

13 b. hydrogen gas or carbon oxides derived from renewable  
14 energy sources, or

15 c. methane gas derived from any combination of hydrogen  
16 gas or carbon oxides derived from renewable energy  
17 sources, biogas and waste carbon dioxide.

18 D. The Oklahoma Corporation Commission shall, no later than  
19 December 1, 2021, issue a report and recommendations to the  
20 Legislature regarding the ability and appropriateness of natural gas  
21 utilities to procure, transport and deliver renewable natural gas to  
22 customers. The report shall address a recommendation for the  
23 state's renewable fuel standard or goal to more proactively promote  
24 biogas, renewable natural gas and hydrogen as solutions for reducing

1 methane emissions and other environmental problems. The report  
2 shall also discuss the methods for recovery of associated costs from  
3 ratepayers, such as transport infrastructure and commodity costs.  
4 The report shall also address the production of educational  
5 materials to provide Oklahoma residents with information regarding  
6 renewable natural gas and its positive environmental impacts and  
7 benefits. The report shall also discuss future reporting  
8 requirements for all producers so the Commission can report progress  
9 annually to the Legislature. The report shall be due to the  
10 Legislature no later than December 1, 2021.

11 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2021.

12 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON ENERGY  
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