

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 1815

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6 AS INTRODUCED

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

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

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

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

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

1 transporting and delivering gas, including renewable natural gas, to
2 Oklahoma energy consumers.

3 C. For purposes of this section:

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

9 2. "Renewable natural gas" means:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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