

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 45th Legislature (1995)
CONFERENCE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR ENGROSSED
SENATE BILL NO. 187

By: Haney and Hobson of the
Senate

and

Hamilton and Steidley of
the House

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An Act relating to the regulation of energy production and distribution; making an appropriation to the Corporation Commission; stating purposes; establishing salary maximums for certain unclassified positions; directing and authorizing certain duties and expenditures; providing for duties and compensation of employees; specifying certain budgetary limitations; providing certain exclusions; making continuation of employment of certain employees contingent on certain funding; limiting certain expenditures; modifying purposes of certain appropriation; making an appropriation to the Liquefied Petroleum Gas Board; stating purposes; providing for duties and compensation of employees of the Liquefied Petroleum Gas Board; limiting salary of the Administrator; setting budgetary limitations; modifying purposes of certain appropriation; making certain funds subject to fiscal year limitation; providing lapse dates; and providing an effective date.

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

CORPORATION COMMISSION

SECTION 1. There is hereby appropriated to the Corporation Commission from any monies not otherwise appropriated from the General Revenue Fund of the State Treasury for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1996, the sum of Six Hundred Twenty-five Thousand Five Hundred Ninety-five Dollars (\$625,595.00) or so much thereof as may be necessary to perform the duties imposed upon the Corporation Commission by law.

SECTION 2. The authorized number and maximum annual salary, payable monthly, for the unclassified employee positions specified in this section utilized in the operation of the Corporation

Commission shall be as set forth in this section. The amounts listed do not constitute an appropriation but are listed to establish salary maximums only for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1996.

TITLE	NUMBER AUTHORIZED	MAXIMUM SALARY
General Administrator	1	\$70,800.00
Senior Rate Analyst	1	\$44,385.00
Director, Data Processing	1	\$54,650.00
Administrative Aide	3	\$39,820.00

SECTION 3. One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00), inclusive of salaries, shall be spent by the Corporation Commission for a pollution response team to respond to and investigate reports of pollution.

SECTION 4. One Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$120,000.00) shall be spent by the Corporation Commission to implement the provisions of Section 40.1 of Title 17 of the Oklahoma Statutes from any monies available.

SECTION 5. In addition to any other monies dedicated to well plugging, the Corporation Commission is hereby authorized to expend from any monies available in the Conservation Fund of the State Treasury and the Corporation Commission Revolving Fund an amount not to exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00), to plug or repair any oil, gas, injection or disposal well which is causing surface or subsurface pollution, pursuant to the provisions of Section 318 of Title 52 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

SECTION 6. The duties and compensation of employees, not otherwise prescribed by law, necessary to perform the duties imposed upon the Corporation Commission by law shall be set by the Commission. The Corporation Commission, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1996, shall be subject to the following budgetary limitations on full-time-equivalent employees and expenditures excluding direct expenditures for well plugging as authorized in Section 310 of Title 52 of the Oklahoma Statutes, pit closure as authorized in Section 140 of Title 52 of the Oklahoma Statutes, and remediation of sites as authorized in Section 353 of Title 17

of the Oklahoma Statutes, and as may be authorized pursuant to the provisions of Section 3603 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes:

<u>Budgetary Limitation</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Full-time-equivalent Employees	458.0
Lease-Purchase Agreements	\$250,000.00

SECTION 7. The continuation of full-time-equivalent employees hired pursuant to Section 360 and Section 361 of Title 17 of the Oklahoma Statutes shall be contingent upon sufficient funding of the Oklahoma Petroleum Storage Tank Release Indemnity Program.

SECTION 8. Of the four hundred fifty-eight (458.0) full-time-equivalent employees authorized in Section 7 of this act, fourteen (14.0) shall perform duties in accordance with the Underground Injection Control Program, five (5.0) shall perform duties in accordance with the Underground Storage Tank Program and two (2.0) shall perform duties in accordance with the Leaking Underground Storage Tank Program. The continuation of these full-time-equivalent employees is contingent upon sufficient federal funding to support them.

SECTION 9. Pursuant to subsection F of Section 180.11 of Title 17 of the Oklahoma Statutes, the Corporation Commission shall expend no more than Four Million Ninety-six Dollars (\$4,000,096.00) for costs of the Public Utility Division for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1996.

SECTION 10. Funds appropriated to the Corporation Commission in Section 90, Chapter 187, O.S.L. 1994, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 245, O.S.L. 1994, and Section 2, Chapter 245, O.S.L. 1994, may be budgeted and expended for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1996, and may be budgeted and expended for the general operating expenses of the Corporation Commission regardless of the purpose for which the funds were budgeted by the agency for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1995.

LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS BOARD

SECTION 11. There is hereby appropriated to the Liquefied Petroleum Gas Board from any monies not otherwise appropriated from the General Revenue Fund of the State Treasury for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1996, the sum of Twelve Thousand Eight

Hundred Nineteen Dollars (\$12,819.00) or so much thereof as may be necessary to perform the duties imposed upon the Liquefied Petroleum Gas Board by law.

SECTION 12. The duties and compensation of employees, not otherwise prescribed by law, necessary to perform the duties imposed upon the Oklahoma Liquefied Petroleum Gas Board by law shall be set by the Administrator. The salary of the Administrator shall not exceed Thirty-nine Thousand Seven Hundred Nineteen Dollars (\$39,719.00) per annum, payable monthly for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1996. The Oklahoma Liquefied Petroleum Gas Board, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1996, shall be subject to the following budgetary limitations on full-time-equivalent employees and expenditures excluding expenditures for capital and special projects, except as may be authorized pursuant to the provisions of Section 3603 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes:

<u>Budgetary Limitation</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Full-time-equivalent Employees	10.0
Lease-Purchase Agreements	\$0.00

SECTION 13. Funds appropriated to the Liquefied Petroleum Gas Board in Section 97, Chapter 187, O.S.L. 1994, as amended by Section 12, Chapter 245, O.S.L. 1994, may be budgeted and expended for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1996, and may be budgeted and expended for the general operating expenses of the Liquefied Petroleum Gas Board regardless of the purpose for which the funds were budgeted by the agency for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1995.

SECTION 14. Appropriations made by this act to agencies for the operations of state government may be budgeted for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1996 (hereafter FY-96) or may be budgeted for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1997 (hereafter FY-97). Funds budgeted for FY-96 may be encumbered only through June 30, 1996, and must be expended by November 15, 1996. Any funds remaining after November 15, 1996, and not budgeted for FY-97, shall lapse to the credit of the proper fund for the then current fiscal year. Funds budgeted for FY-97 may be encumbered only through June 30,

1997. Any funds remaining after November 15, 1997, shall lapse to the credit of the proper fund for the then current fiscal year. These appropriations may not be budgeted in both fiscal years simultaneously. Funds budgeted in FY-96, and not required to pay obligations for that fiscal year, may be budgeted for FY-97, after the agencies have prepared and submitted a budget work program revision removing these funds from the FY-96 budget work program and after such revision has been approved by the Office of State Finance.

SECTION 15. This act shall become effective September 1, 1995.

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