

SHORT TITLE: Corporation Commission; regulating utilities
disconnection of service; codification; effective date.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 45th Legislature (1995)

SENATE BILL NO. 234

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to the Corporation Commission;

requiring certain public utilities to offer certain payment plan prior to disconnection of residential customer service for nonpayment; authorizing disconnection of service; allowing utilities to accept alternative payment plans; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 155.1 of Title 17, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

Prior to the disconnection of any residential customer's utility service for nonpayment of services, public utilities, as defined in Section 151 of Title 17 of the Oklahoma Statutes, are hereby required to first offer the customer the following payment plan: the customer shall pay the current monthly charges as they become due plus twenty percent (20%) of any past due amount including any applicable late charges until all past due amounts are paid. If the customer fails to adhere to this payment plan, the utility company may proceed with disconnection of services provided all rules of notice and other requirements of the Corporation Commission are followed. Provided, however, utility companies may enter into

additional subsequent payment plans at their discretion rather than disconnecting customer's service.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 1995.

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