

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL NO. 220

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An Act relating to electric utility restructuring; prohibiting certain telephone contact for certain purpose; authorizing certain forms of public contact; requiring certain written consent to change electric service providers; providing certain time period for rescinding written acceptance; requiring the Corporation Commission to promulgate rules to determine certain minimum terms of residential electric service contracts; establishing fines for violating act; 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 190.10 of Title 17, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

In order to protect the residential consumers of this state and prevent unauthorized switching of electric service providers:

1. At no time shall any person, firm or corporation contact any residential electric consumer by telephone for the purpose of marketing or offering any electric service or other related services. Marketing or offering any electric service or related services by telephone may be allowed if the telephone conversation is initiated by the consumer; provided, however any change in electric service or related services shall only be completed with the informed written consent of the consumer.

2. No change of residential electric service or related services by any person, firm or corporation shall be transacted without the informed written consent of the consumer.

3. Residential electric consumers shall have three (3) business days to rescind their written acceptance of any offer for electric service or other related services.

4. The Corporation Commission shall promulgate rules to determine the minimum terms and provisions which shall be included in all residential electric service contracts.

5. Any person, firm or corporation who intentionally violates the provisions of this act shall be subject to a fine of not less than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) per violation.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 1999.

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