

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 1386

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An Act relating to public utility corporations; authorizing an electric public utility corporation to continue offering electric service in areas incorporated into cities or towns without a franchise; requiring payment of certain fee; providing for codification; and declaring an emergency.

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 158.33 of Title 17, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

Any corporation, acting as an electric public utility company regulated by the Corporation Commission of the State of Oklahoma, or successor entity, that holds more than one voter granted franchise, which has the power to construct, maintain, and operate electric transmission and distribution lines along, upon, under, and across all public thoroughfares, including without limitation, all roads, highways, streets, alleys and bridges, and upon, under and across all publicly owned lands, subject, however, to the requirements in respect of the use of such thoroughfares and lands that are imposed by the respective authorities having jurisdiction of the corporations constructing or operating the electric transmission and distribution lines or systems, shall be entitled to construct, maintain, and operate electric transmission and distribution lines and related facilities along, upon, under, and across all existing

and future public thoroughfares, and to continue and extend the furnishing of electric energy or the construction and operation of electric facilities in an area that has been or shall be included, as a result of incorporation, annexation, population growth or otherwise, within the boundaries of a city or town if the corporation was furnishing electric energy or was constructing or operating electric facilities in the area prior to such inclusion without obtaining the consent, franchise, license, permit, or other authority of the city or town. Any corporation acting pursuant to this section shall pay to the city or town a fee based on the same percentage that the corporation pays on retail sales of electric energy in the closest city or town where the corporation holds a valid franchise.

SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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