

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 51st Legislature (2007)

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

4 FOR

5 HOUSE BILL NO. 1764

6 By: Blackwell

7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

8 An Act relating to energy; creating the Oklahoma  
9 Renewable Energy Transmission Advisory Task Force;  
10 stating duty of the Advisory Task Force; requiring  
11 the Advisory Task Force to make certain  
12 recommendations; providing for meetings,  
13 appointments, staffing, travel reimbursement, and  
14 termination of the Advisory Task Force; directing the  
15 Oklahoma Renewable Energy Transmission Advisory Task  
16 Force to undertake a renewable energy transmission  
17 study; stating purpose of the study; listing certain  
18 issues for the study; requiring the Corporation  
19 Commission to assist the Advisory Task Force in the  
20 study; directing the Commission to contract with a  
21 regional transmission organization; providing for  
22 codification; and declaring an emergency.

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

24 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 190.30 of Title 17, unless there  
is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. There is hereby created the Oklahoma Renewable Energy  
Transmission Advisory Task Force. It shall be the duty of the Task

1 Force to conduct the renewable energy transmission study as provided  
2 for in Section 2 of this act.

3 B. The Oklahoma Renewable Energy Transmission Advisory Task  
4 Force shall consist of:

5 1. The Secretary of the Environment;

6 2. The Secretary of Energy;

7 3. A representative appointed by the Oklahoma Renewable Energy  
8 Council;

9 4. A representative of the State Energy Office in the Oklahoma  
10 Department of Commerce;

11 5. A representative of the Oklahoma Municipal Power Authority;

12 6. A representative of transmission system owners or operators  
13 located in Oklahoma as selected by the Chair of the Corporation  
14 Commission;

15 7. A representative from each public utility contracting for  
16 electric power derived from wind resources as selected by the Chair  
17 of the Corporation Commission;

18 8. A Corporation Commissioner or designee, selected by the  
19 Chair of the Commission, who shall serve as Chair of the Oklahoma  
20 Renewable Energy Transmission Advisory Task Force;

21 9. One member appointed by the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of  
22 Representatives; and

23 10. One member appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the  
24 State Senate.

1 C. The Advisory Task Force shall meet at the call of the Chair  
2 and establish a schedule of meetings.

3 D. The Advisory Task Force shall make recommendations to the  
4 Corporation Commission on contracting with a regional transmission  
5 organization to provide technical expertise and assist the Task  
6 Force in the performance of its duties.

7 E. Appointments to the Advisory Task Force shall be made by  
8 June 15, 2007, and the first meeting of the Advisory Task Force  
9 shall take place no later than July 1, 2007. Staffing for the Task  
10 Force shall be provided by the staff of the Corporation Commission.

11 F. Members of the Advisory Task Force shall receive no  
12 compensation for serving on the Task Force, but may receive travel  
13 reimbursement for travel expenses incurred in the performance of  
14 their duties by their respective agencies or appointing authority in  
15 accordance with the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

16 G. The Oklahoma Renewable Energy Transmission Advisory Task  
17 Force shall cease to exist July 1, 2008.

18 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
19 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 190.31 of Title 17, unless there  
20 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

21 A. In order to ensure orderly and efficient development of  
22 renewable energy in Oklahoma, the Legislature hereby directs the  
23 Oklahoma Renewable Energy Transmission Advisory Task Force created  
24 in Section 1 of this act to undertake a study to evaluate the

1 transmission requirements needed for the reasonable development of  
2 renewable resources. The purpose of the study shall be to provide  
3 transmission planning for renewable resources based on the  
4 transmission needs of the state as a whole instead of on a project  
5 by project basis. The Advisory Task Force shall study and make  
6 recommendations on the following issues:

7 1. The level of funding needed to develop or extend the  
8 existing transmission system for the development of renewable  
9 energy;

10 2. The locations and types of projects needed to support the  
11 reasonable development of renewable energy in the state; and

12 3. How any advanced funding for transmission system development  
13 and upgrades is to be reimbursed by future renewable energy  
14 developers or others that might use the funded transmission  
15 upgrades.

16 B. The Corporation Commission shall assist the Advisory Task  
17 Force in the study. The Commission shall, upon the recommendation  
18 of the Advisory Task Force, contract with a regional transmission  
19 organization to provide technical expertise and assist the Advisory  
20 Task Force in the performance of its duties.

21 C. The Advisory Task Force shall complete a final report by  
22 January 31, 2008.

23 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
24 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby

1 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
2 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

3

4 51-1-7241 CJB 02/15/07

5

6

7

8

9

10

11

12

13

14

15

16

17

18

19

20

21

22

23

24