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3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
4 FOR ENGROSSED
5 HOUSE BILL 1764

By: Blackwell and Jett of the
House

6 and

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9 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

10 An Act relating to energy; creating the Oklahoma
11 Electric Power Transmission Task Force; stating duty
12 of the task force; requiring the task force to make
13 certain recommendations; providing for meetings,
14 appointments, staffing, travel reimbursement, and
15 termination of the task force; directing the task
16 force to conduct certain study; stating purpose;
17 authorizing the chair of the task force to appoint
18 certain staff; providing for noncodification; and
19 declaring an emergency.

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

21 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be
22 codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

23 A. There is hereby created the Oklahoma Electric Power
24 Transmission Task Force. It shall be the duty of the task force to
conduct the electric power transmission study as provided for in
Section 2 of this act.

1 B. The task force shall consist of:

2 1. The Oklahoma representative serving on the Regional State
3 Committee of the Southwest Power Pool, who shall serve as chair of
4 the task force;

5 2. The Secretary of Energy;

6 3. A representative from each utility contracting for electric
7 power transmission, to be appointed by the chair of the task force;

8 4. Two members, one of whom shall be a member of the House of
9 Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House of
10 Representatives; and

11 5. Two members, one of whom shall be a member of the Senate,
12 appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

13 C. The task force shall meet at the call of the chair and
14 establish a schedule of meetings.

15 D. The task force shall request the Southwest Power Pool to
16 provide technical expertise to assist the task force in the
17 performance of its duties.

18 E. Appointments to the task force shall be made by June 15,
19 2007, and the first meeting of the task force shall take place no
20 later than August 1, 2007. Staffing for the task force shall be
21 provided as necessary by the chair of the task force.

22 F. Members of the task force shall receive no compensation for
23 serving on the task force, but may receive travel reimbursement for
24 expenses incurred in the performance of their duties by their

1 respective agencies or appointing authority in accordance with the
2 State Travel Reimbursement Act. Legislative members of the task
3 force shall receive travel reimbursement pursuant to the provisions
4 of Section 456 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

5 G. The task force shall cease its activities within thirty (30)
6 days following the completion of an electric power transmission
7 study conducted by the Southwest Power Pool.

8 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be
9 codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

10 A. In order to ensure orderly and efficient development of
11 renewable energy in Oklahoma, the Legislature hereby directs the
12 Oklahoma Electric Power Transmission Task Force created in Section 1
13 of this act to undertake a study to evaluate the transmission
14 requirements needed for the reasonable development of renewable
15 energy resources. The task force shall study and make
16 recommendations on the following issues:

17 1. The level of funding necessary to develop or extend the
18 existing transmission system for the development of renewable
19 energy;

20 2. The locations and types of projects needed to support the
21 reasonable development of renewable energy in this state;

22 3. How any advanced funding for transmission system development
23 and upgrades is to be reimbursed by future renewable energy
24 developers or other users of the upgraded transmission system; and

1 4. Any issues the task force deems necessary and appropriate.

2 B. The task force shall submit a preliminary report to the
3 Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of
4 the House of Representatives by January 31, 2008. A final report
5 shall be submitted within thirty (30) days of completion of an
6 electric power transmission study by the Southwest Power Pool.

7 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
8 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby
9 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
10 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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