

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 51st Legislature (2008)

3 HOUSE CONCURRENT  
4 RESOLUTION 1051

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Concurrent Resolution memorializing all state  
8 agencies to accelerate the development of wind power  
9 for the generation of electricity; and directing  
10 distribution.

11 WHEREAS, the State of Oklahoma has long been widely known for  
12 its rich energy heritage and its abundance of energy resources,  
13 especially oil and gas; and

14 WHEREAS, the state is now also becoming increasingly known for  
15 its abundance of renewable energy, wind power in particular, and is  
16 currently ranked sixth in the nation for its wind power production;  
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18 WHEREAS, according to the Southwest Power Pool, Oklahoma has  
19 more than twenty gigawatts of wind power potential which, if  
20 produced, would produce enough electricity to power over 5.5 million  
21 homes in the region and could move the state to one of the top three  
22 wind-producing states in the nation while adding jobs and tax  
23 revenue; and  
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1       WHEREAS, increased wind power resources will benefit the state's  
2 electrical customers, as well as provide the state with a powerful  
3 tool for maintaining existing businesses and attracting new  
4 businesses; and

5       WHEREAS, our neighboring States of Texas, New Mexico, Colorado  
6 and Kansas also have the potential to develop significant wind power  
7 resources; and

8       WHEREAS, much of the vast untapped energy potential in Oklahoma  
9 lies in the western half of our state where there is currently not  
10 an adequate amount of electric transmission infrastructure to  
11 collect and move the additional wind power to where it is needed  
12 elsewhere in Oklahoma and the nation; and

13       WHEREAS, investors in wind power development cannot be expected  
14 to assume the financial burden of building wind power turbines  
15 without the knowledge that electric transmission will be available  
16 to move their power to market; and

17       WHEREAS, the cost of building and operating transmission  
18 infrastructure is extremely expensive and expanded transmission  
19 infrastructure is not likely to be built in adequate amounts until  
20 the wind turbines are in place ready to use the power lines; and

21       WHEREAS, it benefits the entire state to help resolve this  
22 dilemma.

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1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
2 OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 51ST OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE  
3 CONCURRING THEREIN:

4 THAT all state agencies including, but not limited to, the  
5 Oklahoma Corporation Commission, the Department of Transportation,  
6 the Oklahoma Department of Commerce and the Oklahoma Department of  
7 Wildlife Conservation are encouraged to do all within their power to  
8 promote the accelerated development of the necessary electric  
9 transmission within the State of Oklahoma in order to harness  
10 Oklahoma's vast wind power resources.

11 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Governor of  
12 Oklahoma and the directors of all state agencies.

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