

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 BILL NO. 827

By: Schulz of the Senate
and
Blackwell of the House

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6 [Corporation Commission - contract for electric
7 transmission system advisor services -
8 codification -
9 emergency]

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

12 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
13 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 180.12 of Title 17, unless there
14 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

15 A. In an effort to provide safe, reliable and economical
16 electric energy to all the citizens of this state and promote the
17 development of transmission infrastructure necessary to support
18 expansion of wind energy facilities, the Corporation Commission is
19 authorized to employ, by contract, one person to act as an electric
20 transmission system advisor to the Commission, the Governor, the
21 Legislature and the Attorney General, for the purpose of monitoring
22 state, regional and federal activities relating to access to and
23 reliability of the electric transmission system. In addition to any
24 other duties specified by the Commission, the advisor shall attend

1 and participate in meetings of the Southwest Power Pool, the
2 regional transmission organization governing electric transmission
3 service for this state, to advocate on behalf of the citizens of
4 this state and report to the Corporation Commission, the Governor,
5 the Legislature and the Attorney General on all issues relating to
6 electric power transmission in this state.

7 B. The Commission shall determine the duties and qualifications
8 necessary for the electric transmission advisor and determine
9 appropriate compensation which shall be paid from funds levied
10 pursuant to the assessment on public utilities authorized in Section
11 180.11 of Title 17 of the Oklahoma Statutes. Contracts authorized
12 by this act shall be sole source contracts and not be subject to
13 competitive bidding requirements. Contracts shall not exceed one
14 (1) year in duration. The Commission may terminate any contract for
15 cause as it deems necessary and may contract for services for less
16 than one (1) year as it desires. The Commission is authorized to
17 contract for electric transmission advisor services pursuant to the
18 provisions of this act for five (5) years following the effective
19 date of this act.

20 C. The Commission may solicit advice from any agency, public
21 utility, or related interest group relating to the provisions of
22 this act.

23 D. The Commission is authorized to promulgate any rules
24 necessary to implement the provisions of this act.

