

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, March 2, 2009

Committee Substitute for
House Bill No. 1648

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 1648 - By: ROUSSELOT AND BLACKWELL of the House and WILSON of the Senate.

An Act relating to waters and water rights; prohibiting the Board of Directors of the Grand River Dam Authority from raising rates and charges for raw water from a certain period; stating reason; requiring rates for raw water not to exceed a certain amount; providing for the formation of a special committee to conduct a comprehensive study of the powers and duties of the Grand River Dam Authority relating to water; providing a definition; providing for codification; and declaring an emergency.

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

1 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma
2 Statutes as Section 894 of Title 82, unless there is created a duplication in numbering,
3 reads as follows:
4 A. In order to allow for a comprehensive study to be conducted relating to the
5 power and duty of the Grand River Dam Authority to control, store, use, distribute, and
6 sell the waters of the Grand River and its tributaries, the Board of Directors of the Grand
7 River Dam Authority, hereinafter referred to as the district, shall not increase, add, or
8 change the rates and other charges collected from customers for the use of raw water and
9 water connections for raw water supplied by the district for a period of five (5) years from
10 the effective date of this act.

1 B. Upon the effective date of this act, the rate and other charges collected from each
2 class of customers for the use of raw water and water connections for raw water until the
3 expiration of the freeze on the rates and charges as set forth in subsection A of this
4 section shall not be more than was charged and collected from each class of customers
5 prior to July 1, 2007.

6 C. The cochairs of the Joint Legislative Task Force on the Grand River Dam
7 Authority created in Section 863.3 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes shall appoint a
8 special committee composed of members of the Task Force which shall conduct a
9 comprehensive study of the power and duty of the Grand River Dam Authority to control,
10 store, use, distribute, and sell the waters of the Grand River and its tributaries.

11 D. For purposes of this section, "raw water" shall mean untreated, nonpotable
12 water.

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

17 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON RULES, dated 02-26-09 - DO PASS, As
18 Amended and Coauthored.