

**ESB 827**

**THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
Wednesday, April 8, 2009

**ENGROSSED**  
**Senate Bill No. 827**  
**As Amended**

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 827 - By: SCHULZ of the Senate and BLACKWELL of the House.

( Corporation Commission - contract for electric transmission system advisor services -codification-  
emergency )

1       SECTION 1.   NEW LAW   A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma  
2 Statutes as Section 180.12 of Title 17, unless there is created a duplication in numbering,  
3 reads as follows:  
4       A. In an effort to provide safe, reliable and economical electric energy to all the  
5 citizens of this state and promote the development of transmission infrastructure  
6 necessary to support expansion of wind energy facilities, the Corporation Commission is  
7 authorized to employ, by contract, one person to act as an electric transmission system  
8 advisor to the Commission, the Governor, the Legislature and the Attorney General, for  
9 the purpose of monitoring state, regional and federal activities relating to access to and  
10 reliability of the electric transmission system. In addition to any other duties specified  
11 by the Commission, the advisor shall attend and participate in meetings of the  
12 Southwest Power Pool, the regional transmission organization governing electric

1 transmission service for this state, to advocate on behalf of the citizens of this state and  
2 report to the Corporation Commission, the Governor, the Legislature and the Attorney  
3 General on all issues relating to electric power transmission in this state.

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

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

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

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

21 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND UTILITY  
22 REGULATION, dated 04-07-09 - DO PASS, As Amended.