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THE STATE SENATE  
Monday, February 8, 2010

Senate Bill No. 1840  
As Amended

SENATE BILL NO. 1840 - By: Sykes and Gumm of the Senate and Johnson of the House.

[ natural gas service - creating task force -  
noncodification -  
emergency ]

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

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

A. There is hereby created a legislative task force for the purpose of studying the availability of retail natural gas service in Oklahoma. The task force shall explore options to overcome obstacles currently impeding the expansion of retail natural gas supply services to new homes and commercial building development areas which are being forced to use less efficient energy sources rather than cleaner, more economical and locally produced natural gas. The task force shall solicit participation from all retail natural gas providers in the affected area and determine what remedies may be available to provide much needed natural gas service to the many citizens and business operators in this area of our state.

1           B. The task force shall be made up of three members of both the  
2 House and Senate whose districts include any portion of the state  
3 south of Interstate 40. Members shall be appointed by the President  
4 Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of  
5 Representatives, both of whom shall serve on the task force as ex-  
6 officio members. In addition to those members, The President Pro  
7 Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of  
8 Representatives shall appoint one of their members who represent a  
9 district in the affected area and also serve on the Senate Energy  
10 and Environment Committee and the House Energy and Utility  
11 Regulation Committee to serve as cochairs of the task force.

12           C. The members of the Corporation Commission shall choose one  
13 of their members or a designee to serve on the task force.

14           D. Appointments to this task force shall be made within thirty  
15 (30) days following enactment of this act.

16           E. The task force is authorized to meet at the call of the  
17 cochairs, and its activities will terminate no later than January  
18 31, 2011.

19           F. Legislative members of the task force shall be reimbursed  
20 for their necessary travel expenses incurred in the performance of  
21 their duties in accordance with Section 456 of Title 74 of the  
22 Oklahoma Statutes. The Corporation Commissioner or designee may be

1 reimbursed by their agency for necessary travel expenses pursuant to  
2 the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

3 G. Staffing for the task force shall be provided by the Senate  
4 and House staff.

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

9 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT, dated 2-4-10  
10 - DO PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.