

CS for SB 827

1 THE STATE SENATE
2 Monday, February 16, 2009

3 Committee Substitute for
4 Senate Bill No. 827

5 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 827 - By: Schulz of the
6 Senate and Blackwell of the House.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

5 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT, dated
6 2-12-09 - DO PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.