

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 1840

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to retail natural gas service;  
8 creating task force; stating purpose; providing for  
9 termination by certain date; stating membership;  
10 providing for staffing and travel reimbursement;  
11 providing for noncodification; and declaring an  
12 emergency.

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

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

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

1 natural gas service to the many citizens and business operators in  
2 this area of our state.

3 B. The task force shall be made up of three members of both the  
4 House and Senate whose districts include any portion of the state  
5 west of Interstate 35 and south of Interstate 40. Members shall be  
6 appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker  
7 of the House of Representatives, both of whom shall serve on the  
8 task force as ex-officio members. In addition to those members, The  
9 President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of  
10 Representatives shall appoint one of their members who represent a  
11 district in the affected area and also serve on the Senate Energy  
12 and Environment Committee and the House Energy and Utility  
13 Regulation Committee to serve as cochairs of the task force.

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

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

18 E. The task force is authorized to meet at the call of the  
19 cochairs, and its activities will terminate no later than January  
20 31, 2011.

21 F. Legislative members of the task force shall be reimbursed  
22 for their necessary travel expenses incurred in the performance of  
23 their duties in accordance with Section 456 of Title 74 of the  
24 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.

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