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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to oil and gas; prohibiting the
8 Corporation Commission from accepting agreements for
9 oil and gas operations from operators in violation of
certain regulation; defining terms; providing for
codification; and declaring an emergency.

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

13 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
14 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 318.1b of Title 52, unless there
15 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

16 The Corporation Commission shall not accept an agreement to
17 drill, operate or plug wells submitted by an operator if the
18 operator has outstanding violations of a Commission rule, order,
19 license, permit or certificate relating to safety or the prevention
20 or control of pollution, or if the operator has an affiliate or
21 insider, as defined by Section 318.1 of Title 52 of the Oklahoma
22 Statutes, who was an affiliate or insider of another entity at the
23 time such other entity committed such a violation that remains an
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1 outstanding violation. For the purpose of this section an
2 "outstanding violation" means a violation for which:

3 1. A Commission order finding a violation has been entered and
4 all appeals have been exhausted, or an agreed order has been entered
5 by the operator responsible for the violation; and

6 2. One or more of the following conditions still exist:

7 a. the conditions that constituted the violation have not
8 been corrected,

9 b. all penalties imposed for the violation have not been
10 paid, or

11 c. all reimbursements of any costs and expenses assessed
12 by the Commission relating to the violation have not
13 been paid.

14 A violation that is corrected or a penalty or reimbursement that is
15 paid in accordance with a schedule established in a Commission order
16 is not an "outstanding violation" for purposes of this section.

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

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