

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 2398

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to waters and water rights;
8 prohibiting the Board of Directors of the Grand River
9 Dam Authority from raising rates and charges for raw
10 water for a certain period; stating reason; requiring
11 rates for raw water not to exceed a certain amount;
12 providing for the formation of a special committee to
13 conduct a comprehensive study of the powers and
14 duties of the Grand River Dam Authority relating to
15 water; providing definition; providing for
16 codification; and declaring an emergency.

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

18 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
19 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 894 of Title 82, unless there is
20 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

21 A. In order to allow for a comprehensive study to be conducted
22 relating to the powers and duties of the Grand River Dam Authority
23 to control, store, use, distribute, and sell the waters of the Grand
24 River and its tributaries, the Board of Directors of the Grand River
Dam Authority, hereinafter referred to as the district, shall not
increase rates or charges or add additional rates and other charges
collected from customers for the use of raw water and water

1 connections for raw water supplied by the district for a period of
2 five (5) years from the effective date of this act. Nothing shall
3 prevent the district from reducing rates or charges during the five-
4 year period.

5 B. Upon the effective date of this act, the rate and other
6 charges collected from each class of customers for the use of raw
7 water and water connections for raw water until the expiration of
8 the freeze on the rates and charges as set forth in subsection A of
9 this section shall not be more than was charged and collected from
10 each class of customers prior to July 1, 2007.

11 C. The cochairs of the Joint Legislative Task Force on the
12 Grand River Dam Authority created in Section 863.3 of Title 82 of
13 the Oklahoma Statutes shall appoint a special committee composed of
14 members of the Task Force which shall conduct a comprehensive study
15 of the powers and duties of the Grand River Dam Authority to
16 control, store, use, distribute, and sell the waters of the Grand
17 River and its tributaries.

18 D. For purposes of this section, "raw water" shall mean
19 untreated, nonpotable water.

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

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