

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 660

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7 An Act relating to energy resources; stating
8 legislative findings relating to oil and gas
9 production and wind energy generation and
10 transmission; encouraging the Corporation Commission
11 to study certain issues; providing for
12 noncodification; and declaring an 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 In regulating the many natural resources that bless our state,
17 the Legislature finds there may be increasing areas of conflict
18 between the long-standing oil and gas production and exploration
19 industry and its stakeholders and the newly developing wind energy
20 industry and its stakeholders. The legal and equitable
21 relationships between the owners of surface rights incident to wind
22 energy generation and transmission and the owners of mineral
23 interests incident to the right to explore for and produce oil and
24 gas should be clarified in statute before potential conflicts arise

1 leading to expensive legal battles and causing unnecessary delay of
2 production of much-needed energy resources.

3 The Legislature encourages the Corporation Commission, the
4 agency constitutionally authorized to regulate both oil and gas
5 exploration and production and electric energy generation and
6 transmission to study the issues outlined herein and propose
7 legislative recommendations as it deems necessary to address such
8 issues and thereby encourage production and development of oil, gas
9 and wind resources while protecting the rights and property of
10 Oklahoma citizens and businesses.

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

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