STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to income tax credits; providing short title; amending 68 O.S. 2011, Section 2357.32A, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 371, O.S.L. 2013 (68 O.S. Supp. 2015, Section 2357.32A), which relates to credits for production of electricity from zero-emission facilities; adding exception; requiring specified information to be reported to the Oklahoma Tax Commission on certain schedule; limiting eligibility of certain electricity for credit under certain circumstances; providing for noncodification; and providing an effective date.

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

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

This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Zero Emission Tax Credit Transparency Act of 2016".

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 68 O.S. 2011, Section 2357.32A, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 371, O.S.L. 2013 (68 O.S. Supp. 2015, Section 2357.32A), is amended to read as follows:

Section 2357.32A. A. Except as otherwise provided in ~~subsection H~~ subsections H and I of this section, for tax years

beginning on or after January 1, 2003, there shall be allowed a credit against the tax imposed by Section 2355 of this title to a taxpayer for the taxpayer's production and sale to an unrelated person of electricity generated by zero-emission facilities located in this state. As used in this section:

1. "Electricity generated by zero-emission facilities" means electricity that is exclusively produced by any facility located in this state with a rated production capacity of one megawatt (1 mw) or greater, constructed for the generation of electricity and placed in operation after June 4, 2001, which utilizes eligible renewable resources as its fuel source. The construction and operation of such facilities shall result in no pollution or emissions that are or may be harmful to the environment, pursuant to a determination by the Department of Environmental Quality; and

2. "Eligible renewable resources" means resources derived from:

a. wind,

b. moving water,

c. sun, or

d. geothermal energy.

B. For facilities placed in operation on or after January 1, 2003, and before January 1, 2007, the amount of the credit for the electricity generated on or after January 1, 2003, but prior to January 1, 2004, shall be seventy-five one-hundredths of one cent ($0.0075) for each kilowatt-hour of electricity generated by zero-

emission facilities. For electricity generated on or after January 1, 2004, but prior to January 1, 2007, the amount of the credit shall be fifty one-hundredths of one cent ($0.0050) per kilowatt-hour for electricity generated by zero-emission facilities. For electricity generated on or after January 1, 2007, but prior to January 1, 2012, the amount of the credit shall be twenty-five one-hundredths of one cent ($0.0025) per kilowatt-hour of electricity generated by zero-emission facilities. For facilities placed in operation on or after January 1, 2007, and before January 1, 2021, the amount of the credit for the electricity generated on or after January 1, 2007, shall be fifty one-hundredths of one cent ($0.0050) for each kilowatt-hour of electricity generated by zero-emission facilities.

C. Credits may be claimed with respect to electricity generated on or after January 1, 2003, during a ten-year period following the date that the facility is placed in operation on or after June 4, 2001.

D. 1. For credits generated prior to January 1, 2014, if the credit allowed pursuant to this section exceeds the amount of income taxes due or if there are no state income taxes due on the income of the taxpayer, the amount of the credit allowed but not used in any tax year may be carried forward as a credit against subsequent income tax liability for a period not exceeding ten (10) years.

2. For credits generated, but not used, on or after January 1, 2014, the Oklahoma Tax Commission shall refund, at the taxpayer's election, directly to the taxpayer eighty-five percent (85%) of the face amount of such credits. The direct refund of the credits pursuant to this paragraph shall be available to all taxpayers, including, without limitation, pass-through entities and taxpayers subject to Section 2355 of this title, but shall not be available to any entities falling within the provisions of subsection E of this section. The amount of any direct refund of credits actually received at the eighty-five percent (85%) level by the taxpayer pursuant to this paragraph shall not be subject to the tax imposed by Section 2355 of this title. If the pass-through entity does not file a claim for a direct refund, the pass-through entity shall allocate the credit to one or more of the shareholders, partners or members of the pass-through entity; provided, the total of all credits refunded or allocated shall not exceed the amount of the credit or refund to which the pass-through entity is entitled. For the purposes of this paragraph, "pass-through entity" means a corporation that for the applicable tax year is treated as an S corporation under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, general partnership, limited partnership, limited liability partnership, trust or limited liability company that for the applicable tax year is not taxed as a corporation for federal income tax purposes.

E. Any nontaxable entities, including agencies of the State of Oklahoma or political subdivisions thereof, shall be eligible to establish a transferable tax credit in the amount provided in subsection B of this section. Such tax credit shall be a property right available to a state agency or political subdivision of this state to transfer or sell to a taxable entity, whether individual or corporate, who shall have an actual or anticipated income tax liability under Section 2355 of this title. These tax credit provisions are authorized as an incentive to the State of Oklahoma, its agencies and political subdivisions to encourage the expenditure of funds in the development, construction and utilization of electricity from zero-emission facilities as defined in subsection A of this section.

F. For credits generated prior to January 1, 2014, the amount of the credit allowed, but not used, shall be freely transferable at any time during the ten (10) years following the year of qualification. Any person to whom or to which a tax credit is transferred shall have only such rights to claim and use the credit under the terms that would have applied to the entity by whom or by which the tax credit was transferred. The provisions of this subsection shall not limit the ability of a tax credit transferee to reduce the tax liability of the transferee, regardless of the actual tax liability of the tax credit transferor, for the relevant taxable period. The transferor initially allowed the credit and any

subsequent transferees shall jointly file a copy of any written transfer agreement with the Oklahoma Tax Commission within thirty (30) days of the transfer. The written agreement shall contain the name, address and taxpayer identification number or social security number of the parties to the transfer, the amount of the credit being transferred, the year the credit was originally allowed to the transferor, and the tax year or years for which the credit may be claimed. The Tax Commission may promulgate rules to permit verification of the validity and timeliness of the tax credit claimed upon a tax return pursuant to this subsection but shall not promulgate any rules that unduly restrict or hinder the transfers of such tax credit. The tax credit allowed by this section, upon the election of the taxpayer, may be claimed as a payment of tax, a prepayment of tax or a payment of estimated tax for purposes of Section 1803 or Section 2355 of this title.

G. For electricity generation produced and sold in a calendar year, the tax credit allowed by the provisions of this section, upon election of the taxpayer, shall be treated and may be claimed as a payment of tax, a prepayment of tax or a payment of estimated tax for purposes of Section 2355 of this title on or after July 1 of the following calendar year.

H. No credit otherwise authorized by the provisions of this section may be claimed for any event, transaction, investment, expenditure or other act occurring on or after July 1, 2010, for

which the credit would otherwise be allowable until the provisions of this subsection shall cease to be operative on July 1, 2011. Beginning July 1, 2011, the credit authorized by this section may be claimed for any event, transaction, investment, expenditure or other act occurring on or after July 1, 2010, according to the provisions of this section. Any tax credits which accrue during the period of July 1, 2010, through June 30, 2011, may not be claimed for any period prior to the taxable year beginning January 1, 2012. No credits which accrue during the period of July 1, 2010, through June 30, 2011, may be used to file an amended tax return for any taxable year prior to the taxable year beginning January 1, 2012.

I. Each taxpayer claiming the credit provided by this subsection for electricity generated on or after January 1, 2017, shall report to the Oklahoma Tax Commission on a monthly basis for each turbine:

1. The amount of electricity produced;

2. The amount of electricity sold to a purchasing utility, public power authority, electric cooperative or any other purchaser;

3. The price per kilowatt-hour of electricity sold at the time of sale; and

4. The name of the entity purchasing electricity.

The report required by this subsection shall be due no later than fifteen (15) days from the last day of the previous month and shall be signed and notarized by the owner or representative of the owner

of the facility producing electricity. If the report is not timely submitted, the electricity produced during the month for which the report is delinquent shall not be eligible for the credit provided pursuant to this section.

SECTION 3. This act shall become effective January 1, 2017.

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