

Oklahoma State Senate

Bill Summary and Fiscal Impact

Agency: GRDA

Bill Number: SB 797

Senate Author: David

House Author:

FY '16 Impact: Unknown, but not negative

Full Year Impact: Unknown, but not negative

Bill Summary and Comments: This bill allows GRDA to sell real or personal property used for the generation, transmission or distribution of electricity directly to any association, cooperative, municipal corporation or a beneficial trust engaged in the furnishing of wholesale or retail electric. The purpose of the provisions is to be more customer oriented. An example is municipals can often pay for a substation initially, or GRDA might have constructed it years ago, but because the size is too small to be considered part of the bulk transmission grid, it might make more sense for the municipal customer to own it now. Neither GRDA or the municipal customer would want a third party to purchase that substation in the municipality. This bill also allows GRDA to act more efficiently during emergency times. When neighboring utilities are hit by storm or even some intentional vandalism, it can take 24 to 36