

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

State of Oklahoma

SPEAKER:

CHAIR:

I move to amend HB2817 _____
Of the printed Bill
Page _____ Section _____ Lines _____
Of the Engrossed Bill

By striking the Title, the Enacting Clause, the entire bill, and by
inserting in lieu thereof the following language:

AMEND TITLE TO CONFORM TO AMENDMENTS

Amendment submitted by: Ben Loring

Adopted: _____

Reading Clerk

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 56th Legislature (2018)

PROPOSED COMMITTEE
SUBSTITUTE
FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 2817

By: Loring

PROPOSED COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

An Act relating to a Task Force on Foreign Entity Utility Rates; providing for membership of Task Force; requiring organizational meeting; requiring selection of chair and vice chair; authorizing meetings; imposing duties with respect to analysis of certain issues related to electric power utility rates; providing exemption from Oklahoma Open Meeting Act; requiring posting of meetings using certain method; providing for applicability of Oklahoma Open Records Act; providing for confidential treatment of certain records; requiring final report; requiring final report to be submitted to certain officials; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 158.100 of Title 17, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. There is hereby created the "Task Force on Foreign Entity Utility Rates".

B. The Task Force shall consist of the following persons:

1 1. One person appointed by the Governor;

2 2. One person appointed by the Attorney General who shall have
3 demonstrated experience in representing the State of Oklahoma before
4 the Oklahoma Corporation Commission in utility rate proceedings with
5 an emphasis on electric power providers;

6 3. One person to be selected by action of a majority of the
7 members of the Oklahoma Corporation Commission who shall have
8 demonstrated expertise in utility rate-making and the regulation of
9 public utilities with an emphasis on electric power providers;

10 4. Two persons appointed by the Speaker of the Oklahoma House
11 of Representatives, one of whom shall be a member of that chamber
12 and one of whom shall represent the interests of a regulated public
13 utility with an emphasis on electric power providers;

14 5. Two persons appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the
15 Oklahoma State Senate, one of whom shall be a member of that chamber
16 and one of whom shall represent the interests of consumers with an
17 emphasis on consumers of electric power at the retail level of
18 service.

19 C. Appointments to the Task Force shall be made not later than
20 thirty (30) days from the effective date of this act. The Task
21 Force shall hold an organizational meeting and shall select from
22 among its membership a chair and vice chair. The Task Force shall
23 hold its organizational meeting not later than thirty (30) days from
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1 the date of the last appointment required pursuant to subsection B
2 of this section.

3 D. The Task Force shall analyze the effect of electric power
4 utilities organized under the laws of another country or a
5 subsidiary of such an entity and which provide electric power to
6 commercial and residential customers in the state. The Task Force
7 shall give emphasis to studying any possible disparity in electric
8 utility rates authorized to be charged by such foreign enterprises.

9 E. The Task Force may meet as often as required in order to
10 perform the duties imposed upon it. The Task Force shall not be
11 subject to the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act, but shall cause notice of
12 its meetings to be posted on the website of the Oklahoma House of
13 Representatives, the Oklahoma State Senate and any other website
14 maintained by the State of Oklahoma which is accessible and
15 available for the posting of meeting notices by task force entities
16 or other advisory entities.

17 F. The Task Force shall be subject to the Oklahoma Open Records
18 Act, but shall not be required to release any record which would be
19 exempt from disclosure pursuant to the Oklahoma Open Records Act by
20 any other government entity.

21 G. The Task Force shall produce a final report not later than
22 December 31, 2018. The report shall be provided to the Governor,
23 the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives, the President
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1 Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate and the members of the
2 Oklahoma Corporation Commission.

3 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2018.

4 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
5 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
6 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
7 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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