

SENATE CHAMBER
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

DISPOSITION

☐ FLOOR AMENDMENT

No. _____

☐ COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

(Date)

Mr./Madame President:

I move to amend Senate Bill No. 669, by substituting the attached floor substitute for the title, enacting clause and entire body of the measure.

Submitted by:

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STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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FLOOR SUBSTITUTE
FOR

SENATE BILL NO. 669

By: Marlatt of the Senate

and

O'Donnell of the House

FLOOR SUBSTITUTE

An Act relating to oil and gas; amending 52 O.S. 2011, Sections 87.1, as amended by Section 4, Chapter 201, O.S.L. 2012, 87.6, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 400, O.S.L. 2014, 87.7, 87.8, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 400, O.S.L. 2014 and 87.9 (52 O.S. Supp. 2016, Sections 87.1, 87.6 and 87.8), which relate to pooling orders for horizontal spacing units and the 2011 Shale Reservoir Development Act; adding type of well subject to Corporation Commission jurisdiction; clarifying allowable size of well spacing units; providing procedures for certain pooling orders; specifying applicability of certain provisions to wells under certain circumstances; changing name of act to the Horizontal Well Development Act; modifying definitions; updating citations; modifying Corporation Commission authority on unitization regarding correlative rights, Commission orders on units and certain notice, allocation factors, and treatment of multiunit horizontal wells; modifying Commission authority to adjust sharing of future costs; and declaring an emergency.

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

1 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 52 O.S. 2011, Section 87.1, as last
2 amended by Section 4, Chapter 201, O.S.L. 2012 (52 O.S. Supp. 2016,
3 Section 87.1), is amended to read as follows:

4 Section 87.1. Whenever the production from any common source of
5 supply of oil or natural gas in this state can be obtained only
6 under conditions constituting waste or drainage not compensated by
7 counterdrainage, then any person having the right to drill into and
8 produce from such common source of supply may, except as otherwise
9 authorized or in this section provided, take therefrom only such
10 proportion of the oil or natural gas that may be produced therefrom
11 without waste or without such drainage as the productive capacity of
12 the well or wells of any such person considered with the acreage
13 properly assignable to each such well bears to the total productive
14 capacities of the wells in such common source of supply considered
15 with the acreage properly assignable to each well therein.

16 (a) To prevent or to assist in preventing the various types of
17 waste of oil or gas prohibited by statute, or any wastes, or to
18 protect or assist in protecting the correlative rights of interested
19 parties, the Corporation Commission, upon a proper application and
20 notice given as hereinafter provided, and after a hearing as
21 provided in the notice, shall have the power to establish well
22 spacing and drilling units of specified and approximately uniform
23 size and shape covering any common source of supply, or prospective
24 common source of supply, of oil or gas within the State of Oklahoma;

1 provided, that the Commission may authorize the drilling of an
2 additional well or wells on any spacing and drilling unit or units
3 or any portion or portions thereof or may establish, reestablish, or
4 reform well spacing and drilling units of different sizes and shapes
5 when the Commission determines that a common source of supply
6 contains predominantly oil underlying an area or areas and contains
7 predominantly gas underlying a different area or areas; provided
8 further that the units in the predominantly oil area or areas shall
9 be of approximately uniform size and shape, and the units in the
10 predominantly gas area or areas shall be of approximately uniform
11 size and shape, except that the units in the gas area or areas may
12 be of nonuniform size and shape when they adjoin the units in the
13 oil area or areas; provided further that the drilling pattern for
14 such nonuniform units need not be uniform, and provided further that
15 the Commission shall adjust the allowable production within the
16 common source of supply, or any part thereof, and take such other
17 action as may be necessary to protect the rights of interested
18 parties. Any order issued pursuant to the provisions hereof may be
19 entered after a hearing upon the petition of any person owning an
20 interest in the minerals in lands embraced within such common source
21 of supply, or the right to drill a well for oil or gas on the lands
22 embraced within such common source of supply, or on the petition of
23 the Conservation Officer of the State of Oklahoma. When such a
24 petition is filed with the Commission, the Commission shall give at

1 least fifteen (15) days' notice of the hearing to be held upon such
2 petition by one publication, at least fifteen (15) days prior to the
3 hearing, in some newspaper of general circulation published in
4 Oklahoma County, and by one publication, at least fifteen (15) days
5 prior to the date of the hearing, in some newspaper published in the
6 county, or in each county, if there be more than one, in which the
7 lands embraced within the application are situated. Except as to
8 the notice of hearing on such a petition, the procedural
9 requirements of Section 86.1 et seq. of this title shall govern all
10 proceedings and hearings provided for by this section.

11 (b) In case of a spacing unit of one hundred sixty (160) acres
12 or more, no oil and/or gas leasehold interest outside the spacing
13 unit involved may be held by production from the spacing unit more
14 than ninety (90) days beyond expiration of the primary term of the
15 lease.

16 (c) In establishing a well spacing or drilling unit for a
17 common source of supply thereunder, the acreage to be embraced
18 within each unit may include acreage from more than one governmental
19 section, but shall not exceed six hundred forty (640) acres for a
20 gas well plus ten percent (10%) tolerance, unless the unit is a
21 governmental section and the governmental section contains more than
22 six hundred forty (640) acres in which case the unit may comprise
23 the entire section. Provided, however, fractional sections along
24 the state boundary line and within the townships along the boundary

1 where the survey west of the Indian Meridian meets the survey east
2 of the Cimarron Meridian may be spaced with adjoining section unit,
3 and the shape thereof shall be determined by the Commission from the
4 evidence introduced at the hearing, and the following facts, among
5 other things, shall be material: (1) The lands embraced in the
6 actual or prospective common source of supply; (2) the plan of well
7 spacing then being employed or contemplated in the source of supply;
8 (3) the depth at which production from the common source of supply
9 has been or is expected to be found; (4) the nature and character of
10 the producing or prospective producing formation or formations; and
11 (5) any other available geological or scientific data pertaining to
12 the actual or prospective source of supply which may be of probative
13 value to the Commission in determining the proper spacing and well
14 drilling unit therefor, with due and relative allowance for the
15 correlative rights and obligations of the producers and royalty
16 owners interested therein.

17 The order establishing such spacing or drilling units shall set
18 forth: (1) the outside boundaries of the surface area included in
19 such order; (2) the size, form, and shape of the spacing or drilling
20 units so established; (3) the drilling pattern for the area, which
21 shall be uniform except as hereinbefore provided; and (4) the
22 location of the permitted well on each such spacing or drilling
23 unit. To such order shall be attached a plat upon which shall be
24 indicated the foregoing information. Subject to other provisions of

1 Section 86.1 et seq. of this title, the order establishing such
2 spacing or drilling units shall direct that no more than one well
3 shall thereafter be produced from the common source of supply on any
4 unit so established, and that the well permitted on that unit shall
5 be drilled at the location thereon as prescribed by the Commission,
6 with such exception as may be reasonably necessary where it is
7 shown, upon application, notice and hearing in conformity with the
8 procedural requirements of Section 86.1 et seq. of this title, and
9 the Commission finds that any such spacing unit is located on the
10 edge of a pool and adjacent to a producing unit, or for some other
11 reason that to require the drilling of a well at the prescribed
12 location on such spacing unit would be inequitable or unreasonable.
13 Whenever such an exception is granted, the Commission shall adjust
14 the allowable production for the spacing unit and take such other
15 action as may be necessary to protect the rights of interested
16 parties.

17 Any well spacing or drilling unit for a common source of supply
18 thereunder which exceeds six hundred forty (640) acres for a gas
19 well plus ten percent (10%) tolerance or exceeds the total amount of
20 acreage contained in a governmental section, and is not in
21 production or in the process of drilling development on the
22 effective date of this act shall be de-spaced. However, fractional
23 sections along the state boundary line and within the townships
24 along the boundary where the survey west of the Indian Meridian

1 meets the survey east of the Cimarron Meridian may be spaced with
2 adjoining section unit, and the shape thereof shall be determined by
3 the Commission.

4 (d) The Commission shall have jurisdiction upon the filing of a
5 proper application therefor, and upon notice given as provided in
6 subsection (a) of this section, to decrease the size of the well
7 spacing units or to permit additional wells to be drilled within the
8 established units, or to increase the size or modify the shape of
9 the well spacing units, upon proper proof at such hearing that such
10 modification or extension of the order establishing drilling or
11 spacing units will prevent or assist in preventing the various types
12 of wastes prohibited by statute, or any of the wastes, or will
13 protect or assist in protecting the correlative rights of persons
14 interested in the common source of supply, or upon the filing of a
15 proper application therefor to enlarge the area covered by the
16 spacing order, if such proof discloses that the development or the
17 trend of development indicates that such common source of supply
18 underlies an area not covered by the spacing order and such proof
19 discloses that the applicant is an owner within the area or within a
20 drilling and spacing unit contiguous to the area covered by the
21 application. Except in the instance of reservoir dewatering as
22 described herein, the Commission shall not establish well spacing
23 units of more than forty (40) acres in size covering common sources
24 of supply of oil, the top of which lies less than four thousand

1 (4,000) feet below the surface as determined by the original or
2 discovery well in the common source of supply, and the Commission
3 shall not establish well spacing units of more than eighty (80)
4 acres in size covering common sources of supply of oil, the top of
5 which lies less than nine thousand nine hundred ninety (9,990) feet
6 and more than four thousand (4,000) feet below the surface as
7 determined by the original or discovery well in the common source of
8 supply. In the instance of reservoir dewatering to extract oil from
9 reservoirs having initial water saturations at or above fifty
10 percent (50%), the Commission may establish drilling and spacing
11 units not to exceed six hundred forty (640) acres in size.

12 (e) The drilling of any well or wells into any common source of
13 supply for the purpose of producing oil or gas therefrom, after a
14 spacing order has been entered by the Commission covering such
15 common source of supply, at a location other than that fixed by the
16 order is hereby prohibited. The drilling of any well or wells into
17 a common source of supply, covered by a pending spacing application,
18 at a location other than that approved by a special order of the
19 Commission authorizing the drilling of such well is hereby
20 prohibited. The operation of any well drilled in violation of any
21 spacing so entered is also hereby prohibited. When two or more
22 separately owned tracts of land are embraced within an established
23 spacing unit, or where there are undivided interests separately
24 owned, or both such separately owned tracts and undivided interests

1 embraced within such established spacing unit, the owners thereof
2 may validly pool their interests and develop their lands as a unit.
3 Where, however, such owners have not agreed to pool their interests
4 and where one such separate owner has drilled or proposes to drill a
5 well on the unit to the common source of supply, the Commission, to
6 avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells, or to protect correlative
7 rights, shall, upon a proper application therefor and a hearing
8 thereon, require such owners to pool and develop their lands in the
9 spacing unit as a unit. The applicant shall give all the owners
10 whose addresses are known or could be known through the exercise of
11 due diligence at least fifteen (15) days' notice by mail, return
12 receipt requested. The applicant shall also give notice by one
13 publication, at least fifteen (15) days prior to the hearing, in
14 some newspaper of general circulation published in Oklahoma County,
15 and by one publication, at least fifteen (15) days prior to the date
16 of the hearing, in some newspaper published in the county, or in
17 each county, if there be more than one, in which the lands embraced
18 within the spacing unit are situated. The applicant shall file
19 proof of publication and an affidavit of mailing with the Commission
20 prior to the hearing. All orders requiring such pooling shall be
21 made after notice and hearing, and shall be upon such terms and
22 conditions as are just and reasonable and will afford to the owner
23 of such tract in the unit the opportunity to recover or receive
24 without unnecessary expense the owner's just and fair share of the

1 oil and gas. The portion of the production allocated to the owner
2 of each tract or interests included in a well spacing unit formed by
3 a pooling order shall, when produced, be considered as if produced
4 by such owner from the separately owned tract or interest by a well
5 drilled thereon. Such pooling order of the Commission shall make
6 definite provisions for the payment of cost of the development and
7 operation, which shall be limited to the actual expenditures
8 required for such purpose not in excess of what are reasonable,
9 including a reasonable charge for supervision. In the event of any
10 dispute relative to such costs, the Commission shall determine the
11 proper costs after due notice to interested parties and a hearing
12 thereon. The operator of such unit, in addition to any other right
13 provided by the pooling order or orders of the Commission, shall
14 have a lien on the mineral leasehold estate or rights owned by the
15 other owners therein and upon their shares of the production from
16 such unit to the extent that costs incurred in the development and
17 operation upon the unit are a charge against such interest by order
18 of the Commission or by operation of law. Such liens shall be
19 separable as to each separate owner within such unit, and shall
20 remain liens until the owner or owners drilling or operating the
21 well have been paid the amount due under the terms of the pooling
22 order. The Commission is specifically authorized to provide that
23 the owner or owners drilling, or paying for the drilling, or for the
24 operation of a well for the benefit of all shall be entitled to

1 production from such well which would be received by the owner or
2 owners for whose benefit the well was drilled or operated, after
3 payment of royalty, until the owner or owners drilling or operating
4 the well have been paid the amount due under the terms of the
5 pooling order or order settling such dispute. No part of the
6 production or proceeds accruing to any owner of a separate interest
7 in such unit shall be applied toward payment of any cost properly
8 chargeable to any other interest in the unit.

9 For the purpose of this section, the owner or owners of oil and
10 gas rights in and under an unleased tract of land shall be regarded
11 as a lessee to the extent of a seven-eighths (7/8) interest in and
12 to the rights and a lessor to the extent of the remaining one-eighth
13 (1/8) interest therein, unless and until the owner or owners make an
14 election or are deemed to make an election not to participate under
15 a pooling order issued by the Commission, at which time each such
16 owner shall be considered a lessor, subject to the judicially
17 recognized implied covenant to market found to exist by the courts
18 of this state in oil and gas leases covering lands located in this
19 state, to the extent of the full royalty percentage elected under
20 the pooling order. Should the owners of separate tracts or
21 interests embraced within a spacing unit fail to agree upon a
22 pooling of their interests and the drilling of a well on the unit,
23 and should it be established by final, unappealable judgment of a
24 court of competent jurisdiction that the Commission is without

1 authority to require pooling as provided for herein, then, subject
2 to all other applicable provisions of this act, the owner of each
3 tract or interest embraced within a spacing unit may drill on his or
4 her separately owned tract, and the allowable production therefrom
5 shall be that portion of the allowable for the full spacing unit as
6 the area of such separately owned tract bears to the full spacing
7 unit.

8 In the event a producing well or wells are completed upon a unit
9 where there are, or may thereafter be, two or more separately owned
10 tracts, each royalty interest owner shall share in all production
11 from the well or wells drilled within the unit, or in the gas well
12 rental provided for in the lease covering such separately owned
13 tract or interest in lieu of the customary fixed royalty, to the
14 extent of such royalty interest owner's interest in the unit. Each
15 royalty interest owner's interest in the unit shall be defined as
16 the percentage of royalty owned in each separate tract by the
17 royalty owner, multiplied by the proportion that the acreage in each
18 separately owned tract or interest bears to the entire acreage of
19 the unit.

20 (f) Notwithstanding any provision of this ~~section~~ title to the
21 contrary, the Corporation Commission shall have jurisdiction upon
22 the filing of a proper application therefor, and upon notice given
23 as provided in subsection (a) of this section, to establish spacing
24 rules for horizontally drilled oil or gas wells whereby horizontally

1 drilled oil or gas wells may have well spacing units established of
2 ~~up to six hundred forty (640) acres plus tolerances and variances as~~
3 ~~allowed for gas wells pursuant to subsection (c) of this section~~ any
4 size not to exceed one mile in width. For purposes of this
5 subsection a "horizontally drilled oil or gas well" shall mean an
6 oil or gas well drilled, completed or recompleted in a manner in
7 which the horizontal component of the completion interval in the
8 geological formation exceeds the vertical component thereof and
9 which horizontal component extends a minimum of one hundred fifty
10 (150) feet in the formation. The Corporation Commission shall
11 promulgate rules necessary for the proper administration of this
12 subsection.

13 (g) Subject to all of the provisions of this section, a pooling
14 order for a horizontal spacing unit which overlies an existing,
15 producing non-horizontal drilling and spacing unit, shall provide
16 that, if a working interest owner in such producing non-horizontal
17 drilling and spacing unit does not agree to develop the horizontal
18 spacing unit, the owner shall relinquish its non-participating
19 working interest in the horizontal spacing unit while retaining all
20 other rights, including the right to concurrently develop the
21 producing non-horizontal unit.

22 (h) Notwithstanding anything in this title or a pooling order
23 to the contrary, for any horizontal well drilled after the effective
24 date of this act pursuant to a pooling order authorized by this

1 section, whether the pooling order was issued before or after the
2 effective date of this act, in a spacing unit which overlies all or
3 any portion of any existing, producing spacing unit of any kind,
4 even if the producing spacing unit is not the objective or target of
5 the horizontal well, the following provisions shall apply:

6 1. If any well under a pooling order is authorized pursuant to
7 Section 87.8 of this title, the relinquished rights of an owner who
8 elects or is deemed to have elected not to participate with all or
9 any part of that owner's interest in the multiunit horizontal well
10 shall be limited to only the owner's non-participating working
11 interest in the targeted reservoir(s), as defined by Section 87.6 of
12 this title, which is actually drilled and produced by the multiunit
13 horizontal well and the owner shall retain the right to participate
14 with all or any part of that owner's interest in any subsequent well
15 or subsequent operations which may be proposed under the pooling
16 order (a) in any common sources of supply other than the
17 relinquished rights in targeted reservoir(s) described herein, and
18 (b) within all common sources of supply in any then existing
19 wellbores in which the owner has the right to participate;

20 2. If any well under a pooling order is authorized by the
21 Commission as a horizontal well pursuant to a horizontal spacing
22 unit created under Section 87.1 of this title, and the horizontal
23 spacing unit shall be greater in size than six hundred forty (640)
24 acres plus tolerances and variances as allowed for pursuant to

1 subsection (c) of this section, or be comprised of more than one
2 governmental section, then the relinquished rights of an owner who
3 elects or is deemed to have elected not to participate with all or
4 any part of that owner's interest in the well shall be limited to
5 only the owner's non-participating working interest in the common
6 source(s) of supply in the horizontal spacing unit which is actually
7 drilled and produced by the horizontal well and the owner shall
8 retain the right to participate with all or any part of that owner's
9 interest in any subsequent well or subsequent operations which may
10 be proposed under the pooling order (a) in any common source of
11 supply or spacing unit other than the relinquished rights in the
12 horizontally drilled and produced common source(s) of supply in the
13 horizontal spacing unit described herein, and (b) within all common
14 sources of supply in any then existing wellbores in which the owner
15 has the right to participate;

16 3. As to any well which is subject to a pooling order which was
17 entered prior to the effective date of this act, in order to be
18 entitled to the rights and benefits of this subsection, and the
19 resultant right to participate with non-relinquished rights in spite
20 of an election not to participate in a prior horizontal well after
21 the effective date of this act, the owner must have been vested with
22 the right to participate in the subject well as of the effective
23 date of this act; and
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1 4. The provisions of this subsection shall supplement each
2 affected pooling order as to development of the affected spacing
3 unit by use of horizontal wells from and after the effective date of
4 this act.

5 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 52 O.S. 2011, Section 87.6, as
6 last amended by Section 1, Chapter 400, O.S.L. 2014 (52 O.S. Supp.
7 2016, Section 87.6), is amended to read as follows:

8 Section 87.6. A. Sections 87.6 through 87.9 of this title
9 shall be known and may be cited as the "~~2011 Shale Reservoir~~
10 Horizontal Well Development Act".

11 B. As used in the ~~2011 Shale Reservoir~~ Horizontal Well
12 Development Act:

13 1. "Allocation factor" means the percentage of costs,
14 production or proceeds allocated to a unit affected by a multiunit
15 horizontal well;

16 2. "Application" means a written request filed by an owner of
17 the right to drill seeking approval to drill, complete and produce a
18 multiunit horizontal well or to create a horizontal well
19 unitization;

20 3. ~~"Associated common source of supply" means a common source~~
21 ~~of supply which is subject to a drilling and spacing unit formed by~~
22 ~~the Corporation Commission and located in all or a portion of the~~
23 ~~lands in which the completion interval of a multiunit horizontal~~
24 ~~well is located, or which is located within the boundaries of a unit~~

~~created through a horizontal well unitization, and which is immediately adjoining the shale common source of supply in which the completion interval of the horizontal well is located, and which is inadvertently encountered in the drilling of the lateral of such horizontal well when such well is drilled out of or exits, whether on one or multiple occasions, such shale common source of supply;~~

4. "Commission" means the Corporation Commission;

~~5.~~ 4. "Completion interval" means, for an open hole completion in a horizontal well, the interval from the point of entry to the terminus and, for a cased and cemented completion in a horizontal well, the interval from the first perforations to the last perforations;

~~6.~~ 5. "Horizontal well" means a well drilled, completed, or recompleted with one or more laterals which, for at least one lateral, the horizontal component of the completion interval exceeds the vertical component of the completion interval and the horizontal component extends a minimum of one hundred fifty (150) feet in the formation;

~~7.~~ 6. "Horizontal well unitization" means a unitization for a ~~shale~~ targeted reservoir created pursuant to Section 87.9 of this title;

~~8.~~ 7. "Horizontal component" means the calculated horizontal distance from the point of entry to the terminus;

1 ~~9.~~ 8. "Lateral" means the portion of the wellbore of a
2 horizontal well from the point of entry to the terminus;

3 ~~10.~~ 9. "Marmaton common source of supply" means a common source
4 of supply located within Texas and Beaver Counties and designated as
5 the Marmaton by the Commission through rule or order;

6 ~~11.~~ 10. "Multiunit horizontal well" means a horizontal well ~~in~~
7 ~~a targeted reservoir~~ wherein the completion interval of the well is
8 located in more than one unit formed for the same targeted
9 reservoir, with the well being completed in and producing from such
10 targeted reservoir in two or more of such units;

11 ~~12.~~ 11. "Plan of development" means the proposed plan for
12 developing the shale reservoir unitized pursuant to Section 87.9 of
13 this title, which plan, based upon the information and knowledge
14 then available to the applicant, shall include:

- 15 a. a map or maps indicating the location of each existing
16 well in the proposed unit and the anticipated location
17 of each horizontal well proposed to be drilled in the
18 proposed unit that is anticipated to be necessary,
19 based upon the information and knowledge then
20 available to the applicant, for the full and efficient
21 development and operation of the proposed unit for the
22 recovery of oil and gas from the shale reservoir
23 within the proposed unit,
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- 1 b. any applicable proposed allocation factor or factors
2 for allocating the costs, production and proceeds from
3 the proposed unit,
4 c. the anticipated timing and anticipated sequence of
5 drilling of each horizontal well in the proposed unit,
6 and
7 d. any other specific terms, provisions, conditions and
8 requirements set forth in Section 87.9 of this title
9 or determined by the Commission to be reasonably
10 necessary or proper to effectuate or accomplish the
11 purpose of Section 87.9 of this title;

12 ~~13.~~ 12. "Point of entry" means the point at which the borehole
13 of a horizontal well first intersects the top of the targeted
14 reservoir;

15 ~~14.~~ 13. "PRSA" means the Production Revenue Standards Act;

16 ~~15.~~ 14. "Shale reservoir" means a common source of supply which
17 is a shale formation that is so designated by the Commission through
18 rule or order, and shall also include any associated common source
19 of supply as defined in this section;

20 ~~16.~~ 15. "Targeted reservoir" means ~~any shale reservoir or any~~
21 ~~portion of the Marmaton common source of supply~~ one or more common
22 sources of supply which will be encountered by the horizontal
23 lateral portion of a horizontal well, and which has been designated
24 by the Commission as part of an order, rule or emergency rule as

1 potentially suited for development for the applied for multiunit
2 horizontal well or unitization pursuant to Section 87.9 of this
3 title. Any such designation or determination may be limited to
4 certain geographical areas;

5 ~~17.~~ 16. "Terminus" means the end point of the borehole of a
6 horizontal well;

7 ~~18.~~ 17. "Wellbore royalty interest" means, for each separate
8 multiunit horizontal well, the sum of resulting products of each
9 affected unit's royalty share for that unit, as defined by the PRSA,
10 multiplied by that unit's allocation factor for production and
11 proceeds;

12 ~~19.~~ 18. "Wellbore royalty proceeds" means the proceeds or other
13 revenue derived from or attributable to any production of oil and
14 gas from the multiunit horizontal well multiplied by the wellbore
15 royalty interest;

16 ~~20.~~ 19. "Unit" means a drilling and spacing unit for a single
17 common source of supply created pursuant to Section 87.1 of this
18 title or a horizontal well unitization created pursuant to Section
19 87.9 of this title;

20 ~~21.~~ 20. "Unit's royalty contribution factor" means the royalty
21 share for an affected unit, as defined by PRSA, multiplied by that
22 unit's allocation factor, then divided by the total wellbore royalty
23 interest; and
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1 ~~22.~~ 21. "Vertical component" means the calculated vertical
2 distance from the point of entry to the terminus.

3 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 52 O.S. 2011, Section 87.7, is
4 amended to read as follows:

5 Section 87.7. Corporation Commission Jurisdiction.

6 The Corporation Commission shall have jurisdiction, upon the
7 filing of a proper application therefor, to permit the drilling,
8 completing and producing of a multiunit horizontal well in
9 conformity with ~~Section 4 of this act~~ Section 87.8 of this title, or
10 to create a horizontal well unitization in conformity with ~~Section 5~~
11 ~~of this act~~ Section 87.9 of this title, if the Commission finds that
12 the multiunit horizontal well or the horizontal well unitization
13 will prevent waste and will protect the correlative rights of the
14 owners of oil and gas rights.

15 SECTION 4. AMENDATORY 52 O.S. 2011, Section 87.8, as
16 amended by Section 2, Chapter 400, O.S.L. 2014 (52 O.S. Supp. 2016,
17 Section 87.8), is amended to read as follows:

18 Section 87.8. A. Under the conditions contained in this
19 section, the Corporation Commission is authorized to allow multiunit
20 horizontal wells in any targeted reservoir in order to prevent waste
21 and protect the correlative rights of the owners of oil and gas
22 rights.

23 B. Ownership, Allocation of Costs, Commingled Production, and
24 Proceeds.

1 The Commission shall require the allocation of the reasonable
2 drilling, completion and production costs associated with ~~a~~ such
3 multiunit horizontal well to each of the affected units which the
4 well actually penetrates within the completion interval and shall
5 further require the allocation to each of the units affected by a
6 multiunit horizontal well of the commingled production, and the
7 proceeds from the sale thereof, from the completion interval of ~~a~~
8 such multiunit horizontal well, with any allocation to be in a
9 manner that will prevent waste and protect the correlative rights of
10 the owners of the oil and gas rights in each of the affected units
11 which the well actually penetrates within the completion interval.

12 1. The allocation factor for each affected unit shall be
13 determined by dividing the length of the completion interval located
14 within the affected unit by the entire length of the completion
15 interval in the subject multiunit horizontal well. The Commission
16 shall have the authority to adjust the allocation factors, based
17 upon reasonable testimony and evidence presented to the Commission,
18 if necessary to prevent waste and adequately protect the correlative
19 rights of the owners of the oil and gas rights in each of the
20 affected units.

21 2. Each party who participates as a working interest owner in a
22 multiunit horizontal well shall own an undivided interest in all
23 portions of the wellbore of the well and in the equipment on or in
24 the well in the same ratio that the party's allocated portion of the

1 total costs of the well and equipment bears to the total costs of
2 the well and equipment. The ownership of undivided interest
3 described in this paragraph shall not affect or prejudice the
4 ownership of oil and gas rights of the affected owners outside of
5 the targeted reservoir for the multiunit horizontal well.

6 3. A multiunit horizontal well shall be treated as a well in
7 each of the affected units and shall be subject to all of the rules
8 otherwise applicable to any other well in any of the affected units.
9 In allowing a multiunit horizontal well, the Commission, under
10 Section 87.1 of this title, may grant any necessary exceptions to
11 the permitted well location tolerances in each of the affected units
12 for the well and permit the well as an additional well in each of
13 the affected units. When an owner has drilled or proposes to drill
14 a multiunit horizontal well or wells and the owners of a present
15 right to drill in any of the affected units have not agreed to pool
16 their interests in the unit or units for the ~~affected common sources~~
17 ~~of supply~~ targeted reservoir, the Commission, under Section 87.1 of
18 this title, may, upon the filing of a proper application therefor,
19 require the owners to pool their interests in the targeted reservoir
20 in each affected unit on a unitwide basis as to the respective unit
21 in regard to the development involving the portion of the multiunit
22 horizontal well or wells located within the affected unit.
23 Furthermore, if the Commission has previously entered an order
24 pooling the interests of owners in an affected unit in which a

1 multiunit horizontal well or wells have been drilled or are proposed
2 to be drilled, the Commission, under Section 87.1 of this title may,
3 upon the filing of a proper application therefor, amend the pooling
4 order to the extent necessary to have the pooling order cover the
5 development involving the portion of the multiunit horizontal well
6 or wells located within the affected unit.

7 4. The application shall include:

- 8 a. the approximate anticipated location of the proposed
9 multiunit horizontal well or wells,
- 10 b. a map or maps indicating the location of each
11 currently existing well in each affected unit which is
12 the subject of the application and the anticipated
13 location of each multiunit horizontal well currently
14 proposed to be drilled in each affected unit as a
15 result of the application and any other horizontal
16 well not included in the current application, but
17 anticipated to be necessary, based upon the
18 information and knowledge then available to the
19 applicant, for the full and efficient development and
20 operations of the targeted reservoir within the
21 affected units if the well or wells are approved by
22 the Commission upon the filing of a proper application
23 at a future date, and
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1 c. any applicable proposed allocation factor or factors
2 for allocating the costs, production and proceeds from
3 each proposed multiunit horizontal well under the
4 application.

5 5. Production from the completion interval in the targeted
6 reservoir from each of the affected units in which a multiunit
7 horizontal well is completed may be commingled in the wellbore of
8 the well and produced to the surface. The commingled production
9 from a multiunit horizontal well shall be allocated to each of the
10 affected units based upon the allocation factors approved by the
11 Commission.

12 6. In granting an application for a multiunit horizontal well
13 or wells, the Commission shall find, based on the testimony and
14 evidence presented, that given the information and knowledge then
15 available, the proposed multiunit horizontal well or wells will
16 prevent waste, protect correlative rights and likely will aid in the
17 full and efficient development of each of the affected units.

18 7. The wellbore royalty proceeds for a multiunit horizontal
19 well shall be allocated to each affected unit by multiplying the
20 royalty contribution factor of the unit by the wellbore royalty
21 proceeds, with the resulting product being the royalty proceeds for
22 that unit. Each royalty interest owner in an affected unit shall be
23 entitled to receive the owner's proportionate royalty share of the
24 allocated royalty proceeds for that unit.

1 8. The multiunit horizontal well shall be subject to the
2 provisions of the Product Revenue Standards Act (PRSA). The
3 operator of the multiunit horizontal well shall be the designated
4 royalty distributor pursuant to the PRSA for the multiunit
5 horizontal well, unless there is a diversity of operators in the
6 affected units from which the multiunit horizontal well is producing
7 and another operator in each of the affected units agrees to perform
8 separately the PRSA royalty distribution functions for the unit.

9 C. Application, Notice and Retained Jurisdiction.

10 Application for approval of a multiunit horizontal well shall be
11 in a form prescribed by the Commission. The application, and the
12 notice of hearing on the application, shall be served no less than
13 fifteen (15) days prior to the date of the hearing, by regular mail,
14 upon each person or governmental entity having the right to share in
15 production from each of the affected units covered by the
16 application, as well as other persons or governmental entities
17 required by the rules of the Commission. Upon approval of a
18 multiunit horizontal well, the Commission shall retain jurisdiction
19 over the well. The retained jurisdiction of the Commission set
20 forth herein shall neither preclude nor impair the right of any
21 affected party to obtain through the district courts of this state
22 any remedy or relief available at law or in equity for injuries
23 caused by any action or inaction of the applicant, operator or any
24 other affected party.

SECTION 5. AMENDATORY 52 O.S. 2011, Section 87.9, is

amended to read as follows:

Section 87.9. A. Horizontal Well Unitization for Shale Reservoirs.

Under limited circumstances and conditions contained in this section, the Corporation Commission is authorized to unitize a shale reservoir for the drilling of horizontal wells to the end that a greater ultimate recovery of oil and gas may be had therefrom, waste is prevented, and the correlative rights of the owners are protected. Unless and until a unit created pursuant to this section is effective, nothing in this section shall prohibit the drilling of a horizontal well within a drilling and spacing unit created pursuant to Section 87.1 of ~~Title 52 of the Oklahoma Statutes~~ this title.

B. Prerequisites for Unitization.

Upon the filing of an appropriate application, and after notice and hearing, the Commission shall determine if:

1. The proposed unitization of the shale reservoir is reasonably calculated to increase the ultimate recovery of oil and gas from the shale reservoir through the use of horizontal well technology to drill one or more horizontal wells in the unit;

2. The use of horizontal well technology to drill the horizontal well or wells in the shale reservoir is feasible, will prevent waste, will protect correlative rights and will with

1 reasonable probability result in the increased recovery of
2 substantially more oil and gas from the shale reservoir within the
3 unit than would otherwise be recovered;

4 3. The estimated additional cost, if any, of conducting the
5 horizontal well operations is not anticipated to exceed the value of
6 the additional oil and gas to be recovered; and

7 4. The unitization and the use of horizontal well technology to
8 drill one or more horizontal wells is for the common good and will
9 result in the general advantage of the owners of the oil and gas
10 rights within the unit.

11 Upon making these findings, the Commission may enter an order
12 creating the unit and providing for the unitized operation of the
13 shale reservoir described in the order, all upon terms and
14 conditions as may be shown by the evidence to be fair, reasonable,
15 equitable and which are necessary or proper to protect and safeguard
16 the respective rights and obligations of the several persons
17 affected, including royalty owners, owners of overriding royalties
18 and others, as well as the lessees. The application shall set forth
19 a description of the proposed unit with a map or plat thereof
20 attached, shall allege the existence of the facts required to be
21 found by the Commission as provided in this subsection and shall
22 have attached thereto a recommended plan of development which is
23 applicable to the proposed unit and which is fair, reasonable and
24 equitable.

1 C. Size of the Unit.

2 Each unit shall be two governmental sections. However, the
3 Commission may expand the size of the unit by including additional
4 governmental sections up to a maximum unit size of four governmental
5 sections, if for good cause shown the Commission finds the expansion
6 of the unit size beyond two governmental sections is necessary to
7 prevent waste, to protect correlative rights and will result in the
8 increased recovery of substantially more oil and gas from the shale
9 reservoir than would otherwise be recovered based upon, but not
10 necessarily limited to:

11 1. Geological features existing within the proposed unit;

12 2. The proposed location or orientation of the horizontal
13 wells;

14 3. The length of the laterals of the proposed horizontal wells;

15 4. The proposed use of multilateral wells; or

16 5. Any combination thereof.

17 D. Ownership of Oil and Gas Rights within the Unit.

18 Where there are, or may thereafter be, two or more separately
19 owned tracts within the unit, each owner of oil and gas rights
20 within the unit shall own an interest in the unit of the same
21 character as the ownership of the owner in the separately owned
22 tract. From and after the effective date of the order of the
23 Commission creating the unit and subject to the provisions of any
24 pooling order covering the unit, the interest of each owner in the

1 unit shall be defined as the percentage of interest owned in each
2 separate tract by the owner, multiplied by the proportion that the
3 acreage in each separately owned tract bears to the entire acreage
4 of the unit. The costs incurred in connection with and the
5 production and proceeds from the wells in the unit shall be
6 allocated to each separate tract in the unit and shall be borne or
7 shared by the owners in each separate tract based upon and
8 determined by the interest of each owner in the tract. However, if
9 a well or wells already exist within the area of the proposed unit
10 which are producing or have produced or appear to be productive from
11 the shale reservoir being unitized, the Commission may adjust the
12 sharing of future costs incurred in connection with and future
13 production and proceeds from any existing well or any subsequent
14 well in the proposed unit in any manner deemed necessary by the
15 Commission in order to protect the correlative rights of the owners
16 within the proposed any existing well or any subsequent well or
17 within the unit, including providing for the sharing of future costs
18 incurred in connection with and future production and proceeds from
19 any existing well or any subsequent well in a manner different from
20 any other well in the unit so long as the various methods of sharing
21 future costs, production and proceeds from the existing and
22 subsequent wells in the ~~proposed~~ unit prevents waste and protects
23 the correlative rights of all the affected owners. For the purpose
24 of this section, any owner or owners of oil and gas rights in and

1 under an unleased tract of land within the unit, unless the owner
2 has relinquished the drilling rights or working interest of the
3 owner in the applicable shale reservoir in the tract of land under a
4 pooling order entered by the Commission which order remains in
5 effect, shall be regarded as a lessee to the extent of a seven-
6 eighths (7/8) interest in and to the rights and a lessor to the
7 extent of the remaining one-eighth (1/8) interest therein.

8 E. The Plan of Development.

9 The application shall include a proposed plan of development.
10 Based upon the facts and conditions found to exist with respect to a
11 proposed unit, the Commission shall determine the necessary terms,
12 provisions, conditions and requirements to be included in the plan
13 of development for the unit. If a well or wells already exist
14 within the area of the proposed unit which are producing or have
15 produced or appear to be productive from the shale reservoir being
16 unitized, the plan of development shall also include:

17 1. Any adjustments to the sharing of future costs incurred in
18 connection with future development and production, and the sharing
19 of proceeds, from any existing well or any subsequent well which the
20 Commission determines to be necessary in order to be fair,
21 reasonable and equitable, and to protect the correlative rights of
22 the owners, considering the existing development in and the prior
23 and anticipated future production from the shale reservoir within
24 the proposed unit; and

1 2. The procedure and basis upon which existing wells, equipment
2 and other properties of the several lessees within the unit area are
3 to be taken over and used for unit operations, including the method
4 of arriving at the compensation therefor, or of otherwise
5 proportionately equalizing or adjusting the investment of the
6 several lessees in the project as of the effective date of unit
7 operation.

8 F. Order of the Commission.

9 The order of the Commission creating the unit shall:

10 1. Designate the size and shape of the unit;

11 2. Set forth the drilling pattern and setbacks for the unit,
12 including the permitted well location tolerances for the permitted
13 wells within the unit;

14 3. Approve and adopt the plan of development for the unit, with
15 a copy thereof attached to the order and include any necessary
16 special allocation factors for allocating the costs, production and
17 proceeds from the proposed unit resulting from existing wells or
18 subsequent wells, or both;

19 4. Designate the unit operator; and

20 5. Provide for the conditions upon which the unit, and the
21 order creating the unit, shall terminate.

22 G. Consent by Owners.

23 No order of the Commission creating a unit pursuant to this
24 section shall become effective unless and until the proposed

1 unitization has been consented to in writing, and the written
2 consent submitted to the Commission, by lessees of record of not
3 less than sixty-three percent (63%) of the working interest in the
4 shale reservoir in the area to be included in the unit and by owners
5 of record of not less than sixty-three percent (63%), exclusive of
6 any royalty interest owned by any lessee or by any subsidiary of any
7 lessee, of the one-eighth (1/8) royalty interest in the shale
8 reservoir in the area to be included in the unit in an express
9 writing separate from the oil and gas lease. The Commission shall
10 make a finding in the order creating the unit as to whether the
11 requisite consent has been obtained. Where the requisite consent
12 has not been obtained at the time the order creating the unit is
13 entered, the Commission shall, upon application and notice, hold any
14 additional and supplemental hearings as may be requested or required
15 to determine if and when the requisite consent has been obtained and
16 the date the unitization will become effective. In the event
17 lessees and royalty owners, or either, owning the required
18 percentage interest in and to the unit area have not so consented to
19 the unitization within a period of six (6) months from and after the
20 date on which the order creating the unit is entered, the order
21 creating the unit shall cease to be of further force and effect and
22 shall be revoked by the Commission.

23 H. Notice.
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1 The application for the creation of a horizontal well
2 unitization for a shale reservoir under this section, and the notice
3 of hearing on the application, shall be served no less than fifteen
4 (15) days prior to the date of the hearing, by regular mail, upon
5 each person or governmental entity having the right to share in
6 production from the proposed unit covered by the application, as
7 well as other persons or governmental entities required by
8 Commission rules. Any person aggrieved by any order of the
9 Commission made pursuant to this section may appeal therefrom to the
10 Supreme Court of the State of Oklahoma upon the same conditions,
11 within the same time and in the same manner as is provided for in
12 ~~Title 52 of the Oklahoma Statutes~~ this title, for the taking of
13 appeals from the orders of the Commission made thereunder.

14 I. Pooling of the Unit.

15 From and after the effective date of an order creating a unit
16 pursuant to this section and subject to the provisions of the order
17 in regard to the matters to be found by the Commission in the
18 creation of the unit and the provisions of the applicable plan of
19 development, an owner of the right to drill for and produce oil or
20 gas from the unit may request the Commission to pool the oil and gas
21 interests of the owners in the unit on a unitwide basis pursuant to
22 the provisions of subsection (e) of Section 87.1 of ~~Title 52 of the~~
23 ~~Oklahoma Statutes~~ this title in regard to the development of the
24 unit ~~involving a horizontal well or wells.~~

1 J. Effect on Existing Spacing Units and Pooling Orders.

2 From and after the effective date of an order creating a unit
3 pursuant to this section, the operation of any well producing from
4 the shale reservoir within the unit defined in the order by persons
5 other than the unit operator, or except in the manner and to the
6 extent provided in the order creating the unit shall be unlawful and
7 is hereby prohibited. Once the order of the Commission creating a
8 unit pursuant to this section becomes effective, the unit so created
9 shall supersede any drilling and spacing unit previously formed by
10 the Commission pursuant to Section 87.1 of ~~Title 52 of the Oklahoma~~
11 ~~Statutes~~ this title for the same shale reservoir within the area of
12 the new unit. Any pooling order which was entered by the Commission
13 pursuant to subsection (e) of Section 87.1 of ~~Title 52 of the~~
14 ~~Oklahoma Statutes~~ this title covering any drilling and spacing unit
15 superseded by a unit created pursuant to this section and which was
16 in effect at the time of the creation of the unit shall remain in
17 full force and effect as to any oil and gas interests in the shale
18 targeted reservoir which were relinquished and transferred by
19 operation of law under the pooling order. However, further
20 development of the shale reservoir in the area of the unit created
21 pursuant to this section shall not be subject to any of the other
22 provisions of any prior pooling order, but shall be governed by and
23 pursuant to the order creating the unit, including the applicable
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1 plan of development, and any subsequent pooling order covering the
2 unit.

3 K. Payment of Proceeds.

4 Units created pursuant to this section shall be subject to the
5 terms and provision of the PRSA.

6 L. The Commissioners of the Land Office.

7 The Commissioners of the Land Office, or other proper board or
8 officer of the state having the control and management of state
9 land, and the proper board or officer of any political, municipal,
10 or other subdivision or agency of the state, are hereby authorized
11 and shall have the power on behalf of the state or of any political,
12 municipal, or other subdivision or agency thereof, with respect to
13 land or oil and gas rights subject to the control and management of
14 the respective body, board, or officer, to consent to or participate
15 in any unitization adopted pursuant to the ~~2011 Shale Reservoir~~
16 Horizontal Well Development Act.

17 M. Retained Jurisdiction.

18 Upon the creation of a unit pursuant to this section, and
19 approval of the plan of development in connection therewith, the
20 Commission shall retain jurisdiction over the unit and the plan of
21 development. The retained jurisdiction of the Commission set forth
22 herein shall neither preclude nor impair the right of any affected
23 party to obtain through the district courts of this state any remedy
24 or relief available at law or in equity for injuries caused by any

1 action or inaction of the applicant, operator or any other affected
2 party.

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

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