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AS AMENDED

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

This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Zero Emission Tax Credit Transparency Act of 2017".

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. 2016, 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

1 person of electricity generated by zero-emission facilities located
2 in this state. As used in this section:

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

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

- 13 a. wind,
- 14 b. moving water,
- 15 c. sun, or
- 16 d. geothermal energy.

17 B. For facilities placed in operation on or after January 1,
18 2003, and before January 1, 2007, the amount of the credit for the
19 electricity generated on or after January 1, 2003, but prior to
20 January 1, 2004, shall be seventy-five one-hundredths of one cent
21 (\$0.0075) for each kilowatt-hour of electricity generated by zero-
22 emission facilities. For electricity generated on or after January
23 1, 2004, but prior to January 1, 2007, the amount of the credit
24 shall be fifty one-hundredths of one cent (\$0.0050) per kilowatt-

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

11 C. Credits may be claimed with respect to electricity generated
12 on or after January 1, 2003, during a ten-year period following the
13 date that the facility is placed in operation on or after June 4,
14 2001.

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

21 2. For credits generated, but not used, on or after January 1,
22 2014, the Oklahoma Tax Commission shall refund, at the taxpayer's
23 election, directly to the taxpayer eighty-five percent (85%) of the
24 face amount of such credits. The direct refund of the credits

1 pursuant to this paragraph shall be available to all taxpayers,
2 including, without limitation, pass-through entities and taxpayers
3 subject to Section 2355 of this title, but shall not be available to
4 any entities falling within the provisions of subsection E of this
5 section. The amount of any direct refund of credits actually
6 received at the eighty-five percent (85%) level by the taxpayer
7 pursuant to this paragraph shall not be subject to the tax imposed
8 by Section 2355 of this title. If the pass-through entity does not
9 file a claim for a direct refund, the pass-through entity shall
10 allocate the credit to one or more of the shareholders, partners or
11 members of the pass-through entity; provided, the total of all
12 credits refunded or allocated shall not exceed the amount of the
13 credit or refund to which the pass-through entity is entitled. For
14 the purposes of this paragraph, "pass-through entity" means a
15 corporation that for the applicable tax year is treated as an S
16 corporation under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended,
17 general partnership, limited partnership, limited liability
18 partnership, trust or limited liability company that for the
19 applicable tax year is not taxed as a corporation for federal income
20 tax purposes.

21 E. Any nontaxable entities, including agencies of the State of
22 Oklahoma or political subdivisions thereof, shall be eligible to
23 establish a transferable tax credit in the amount provided in
24 subsection B of this section. Such tax credit shall be a property

1 right available to a state agency or political subdivision of this
2 state to transfer or sell to a taxable entity, whether individual or
3 corporate, who shall have an actual or anticipated income tax
4 liability under Section 2355 of this title. These tax credit
5 provisions are authorized as an incentive to the State of Oklahoma,
6 its agencies and political subdivisions to encourage the expenditure
7 of funds in the development, construction and utilization of
8 electricity from zero-emission facilities as defined in subsection A
9 of this section.

10 F. For credits generated prior to January 1, 2014, the amount
11 of the credit allowed, but not used, shall be freely transferable at
12 any time during the ten (10) years following the year of
13 qualification. Any person to whom or to which a tax credit is
14 transferred shall have only such rights to claim and use the credit
15 under the terms that would have applied to the entity by whom or by
16 which the tax credit was transferred. The provisions of this
17 subsection shall not limit the ability of a tax credit transferee to
18 reduce the tax liability of the transferee, regardless of the actual
19 tax liability of the tax credit transferor, for the relevant taxable
20 period. The transferor initially allowed the credit and any
21 subsequent transferees shall jointly file a copy of any written
22 transfer agreement with the Oklahoma Tax Commission within thirty
23 (30) days of the transfer. The written agreement shall contain the
24 name, address and taxpayer identification number or social security

1 number of the parties to the transfer, the amount of the credit
2 being transferred, the year the credit was originally allowed to the
3 transferor, and the tax year or years for which the credit may be
4 claimed. The Tax Commission may promulgate rules to permit
5 verification of the validity and timeliness of the tax credit
6 claimed upon a tax return pursuant to this subsection but shall not
7 promulgate any rules that unduly restrict or hinder the transfers of
8 such tax credit. The tax credit allowed by this section, upon the
9 election of the taxpayer, may be claimed as a payment of tax, a
10 prepayment of tax or a payment of estimated tax for purposes of
11 Section 1803 or Section 2355 of this title.

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

18 H. No credit otherwise authorized by the provisions of this
19 section may be claimed for any event, transaction, investment,
20 expenditure or other act occurring on or after July 1, 2010, for
21 which the credit would otherwise be allowable until the provisions
22 of this subsection shall cease to be operative on July 1, 2011.
23 Beginning July 1, 2011, the credit authorized by this section may be
24 claimed for any event, transaction, investment, expenditure or other

1 act occurring on or after July 1, 2010, according to the provisions
2 of this section. Any tax credits which accrue during the period of
3 July 1, 2010, through June 30, 2011, may not be claimed for any
4 period prior to the taxable year beginning January 1, 2012. No
5 credits which accrue during the period of July 1, 2010, through June
6 30, 2011, may be used to file an amended tax return for any taxable
7 year prior to the taxable year beginning January 1, 2012.

8 I. Each taxpayer claiming the credit provided by this
9 subsection for electricity generated on or after January 1, 2018,
10 shall report to the Oklahoma Tax Commission on a monthly basis for
11 each turbine:

- 12 1. The amount of electricity produced;
- 13 2. The amount of electricity sold to a purchasing utility,
14 public power authority, electric cooperative or any other purchaser;
- 15 3. The price per kilowatt-hour of electricity sold at the time
16 of sale; and
- 17 4. The name of the entity purchasing electricity.

18 The report required by this subsection shall be due no later than
19 fifteen (15) days from the last day of the previous month and shall
20 be signed and notarized by the owner or representative of the owner
21 of the facility producing electricity. If the report is not timely
22 submitted, the electricity produced during the month for which the
23 report is delinquent shall not be eligible for the credit provided
24 pursuant to this section.

SECTION 3. This act shall become effective January 1, 2018.

COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
March 1, 2017 - DO PASS AS AMENDED