

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 56th Legislature (2018)

3 HOUSE BILL 3211

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to water; directing Corporation
8 Commission to promulgate rules and procedures
9 regarding blasting; directing Commission to require
10 yield and flow surveys before and after blasting;
11 directing Commission to require certain remedies;
12 providing for codification; and providing an
13 effective date.

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

15 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
16 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 180.12 of Title 17, unless there
17 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

18 The Corporation Commission is hereby directed and authorized to
19 promulgate rules and procedures governing the blasting operations of
20 utility companies for the purpose of protecting the interests and
21 property of the citizens of this state. The Commission shall
22 require utility companies, prior to performing any blasting related
23 to the construction of electric transmission lines, to conduct
24 surveys to determine flow rates of water wells and springs on
properties adjacent to the utility company right-of-way where the

1 blasting is to occur. The Commission shall require a determination
2 of yield for private water wells to be included in the surveys. The
3 Commission shall order a post-blast survey to be conducted if the
4 landowner believes there is a significant change to the flow rate of
5 a spring or well after blasting. If damages are found to exist the
6 Commission shall require the utility company to drill a new well or
7 to dispatch payment to the landowner that equals the value of the
8 well or spring lost.

9 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2018.

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