

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

State of Oklahoma

SPEAKER:

CHAIR:

I move to amend HB3970 _____
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: Mark McBride

Adopted: _____

Reading Clerk

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 57th Legislature (2020)

PROPOSED
COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR ENGROSSED
HOUSE BILL NO. 3970

By: McBride

PROPOSED COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

An Act relating to renewable gas energy; making certain declaration; declaring legislative intent; defining terms; establishing Renewable Natural Gas Option; requiring the Oklahoma Corporation Commission to promulgate certain rules; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

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 801.8 of Title 17, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The Legislature declares that renewable natural gas is a complement to our state's vast natural gas and renewable energy resources that can be carbon-neutral or carbon-negative.

B. It is further declared the intent of the Legislature to give Oklahoma energy consumers freedom to choose renewable natural gas for their fueling, heating, and power needs, and that natural gas utilities play a unique and necessary role in procuring,

1 transporting and delivering gas, including renewable natural gas, to
2 Oklahoma energy consumers.

3 C. For purposes of this section:

4 1. "Biogas" means a mixture of carbon dioxide and hydrocarbons,
5 primarily methane gas, released from the biological decomposition of
6 waste, including but not limited to, animal manure, wastewater,
7 municipal solid waste, landfilled waste, fats, oils and greases and
8 food waste; and

9 2. "Renewable natural gas" means:

- 10 a. biogas-derived methane gas that is interchangeable
11 with geologic natural gas,
12 b. hydrogen gas or carbon oxides derived from renewable
13 energy sources, or
14 c. methane gas derived from any combination of hydrogen
15 gas or carbon oxides derived from renewable energy
16 sources, biogas and waste carbon dioxide.

17 D. There is hereby established a Renewable Natural Gas Option.
18 The Oklahoma Corporation Commission shall promulgate rules allowing
19 natural gas utilities to procure, transport and deliver renewable
20 natural gas. The rules shall allow natural gas utilities to procure
21 and transport renewable natural gas, and deliver renewable natural
22 gas to customers that choose it in full or in part as their energy
23 option. The rules may allow natural gas utilities to develop
24 necessary and prudent gas infrastructure and recover the associated

1 investment costs to further the intent of this section. The rules
2 shall update the state's renewable fuel standard to more proactively
3 promote biogas, renewable natural gas and hydrogen as solutions for
4 reducing methane emissions and other environmental problems. In
5 addition, the rules shall provide for the production of educational
6 materials to provide Oklahoma residents with information regarding
7 renewable natural gas and its positive environmental impacts and
8 benefits.

9 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2020.

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