

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 1239

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to utilities; requiring certain entities to follow certain weather systems; requiring certain preparation measures; prohibiting certain charges to utility customers; 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 9090 of Title 74, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Any utility entity utilizing or operating a natural gas or coal generator shall follow weather systems for the purpose of winter storm prediction. In the event of a predicted winter storm, the utility entity shall ensure that the generator is cycling properly and that the fuel source is thawed and winterized, and place the generator online at least five (5) days prior to the predicted arrival of the winter storm, notwithstanding whether the storm occurs. The electricity generated by placing the natural gas or coal generator online in preparation for a predicted winter

1 storm, shall be placed in the applicable power pool in place of any  
2 renewable source of electricity including but not limited to wind,  
3 solar, and hydroelectric energy until the winter storm passes.

4 B. A utility entity responsible for the duties outlined in  
5 subsection A of this section shall not charge utility customers for  
6 more than the costs incurred by the utility entity for the  
7 contracted price of fuel.

8 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2022.

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