

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)

SENATE BILL 477

By: Paxton

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to oil and gas rebate; amending Section 4, Chapter 346, O.S.L. 2022 (68 O.S. Supp. 2022, Section 55009), which relates to the Oklahoma Emission Reduction Technology Rebate Program; modifying rebate payment limit; updating statutory reference; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 4, Chapter 346, O.S.L. 2022 (68 O.S. Supp. 2022, Section 55009), is amended to read as follows:

Section 55009. A. Upon the effective date of this act, there is hereby created the Oklahoma Emission Reduction Technology Rebate Program. There is hereby created a rebate in the amount of up to twenty-five percent (25%) of documented expenditures made in this state directly attributable to the implementation of a qualified Emission Reduction Project.

B. The rebate program shall be administered by the Department of Environmental Quality and the Oklahoma Tax Commission, as provided in the Oklahoma Emission Reduction Technology Incentive Act.

1 C. To be eligible for a rebate payment:

2 1. The applicant responsible for the implementation of a
3 qualified Emission Reduction Project in this state shall submit
4 documentation to the Department of Environmental Quality no later
5 than six (6) months after the end of the fiscal year in which the
6 expenditures were made stating the amount of expenditures made in
7 this state directly related to the implementation of the qualified
8 Emission Reduction Project;

9 2. The applicant has filed all Oklahoma tax returns and tax
10 documents which are required by the laws of this state; and

11 3. The applicant shall provide evidence of a certificate of
12 general liability insurance with a minimum coverage of One Million
13 Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) and a workers' compensation policy pursuant
14 to the laws of this state which shall include coverage of employer's
15 liability.

16 D. The Department of Environmental Quality shall approve or
17 disapprove all claims for a rebate payment and shall notify the
18 Oklahoma Tax Commission. The Tax Commission shall, upon
19 notification of approval from the Department of Environmental
20 Quality, issue a rebate payment for all approved claims from funds
21 in the Oklahoma Emission Reduction Technology Incentive Revolving
22 Fund created in Section 5 of this act. Rebate payments from the
23 fund shall not exceed ~~Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00)~~ Twenty-
24 five Million Dollars (\$25,000,000.00) in any fiscal year. If the

1 amount of approved claims exceeds the amount specified in this
2 subsection in a fiscal year, payments shall be made proportionately
3 to all of the parties making a claim prior to the deadline which is
4 approved by the Department of Environmental Quality with the amount
5 to be paid to each approved party being product of the individual
6 claim amount times the percentage resulting from ~~Ten Million Dollars~~
7 ~~(\$10,000,000.00)~~ Twenty-five Million Dollars (\$25,000,000.00)
8 divided by the total amount of approved claims for the period. If
9 an approved claim is not paid in whole or in part, the unpaid claim
10 or unpaid portion shall be paid in the following fiscal years in the
11 order in which the claims are approved by the Department.

12 E. Approved claims for rebate that exceed the balance of the
13 Oklahoma Emission Reduction Technology Incentive Revolving Fund
14 created in ~~Section 5 of this act~~ Section 55010 of this title may be
15 paid in part and the unpaid portion shall be paid upon the fund
16 reaching a sufficient balance in the order in which the claims are
17 approved by the Department.

18 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2023.

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