

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 4093

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to utilities; amending 17 O.S. 2021, Section 158.25, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 95, O.S.L. 2023 (17 O.S. Supp. 2023, Section 158.25), which relates to exclusive rights within the territory; requiring certain retail electric service provider to provide certain notification; requiring certain information be confidential upon request; requiring notice to provide certain information; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 17 O.S. 2021, Section 158.25, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 95, O.S.L. 2023 (17 O.S. Supp. 2023, Section 158.25), is amended to read as follows:

Section 158.25 A. Except as otherwise provided herein, each retail electric supplier shall have the exclusive right to furnish retail electric service to all electric-consuming facilities located within its certified territory, and shall not furnish, make available, render or extend its retail electric service to a consumer for use in electric-consuming facilities located within the certified territory of another retail electric supplier; provided

1 that any retail electric supplier may extend its facilities through  
2 the certified territory of another retail electric supplier, if such  
3 extension is necessary for such supplier to connect any of its  
4 facilities or to serve its consumers within its own certified  
5 territory.

6 B. Except as provided in subsections C and E of this section,  
7 any new electric-consuming facility located in an unincorporated  
8 area which has not ~~as~~ yet been included in a map issued by the  
9 Oklahoma Corporation Commission, pursuant to Section 158.24 of this  
10 title, or certified, pursuant to Section 158.24 of this title, shall  
11 be furnished retail electric service by the retail electric supplier  
12 which has an existing distribution line in closer proximity to such  
13 electric-consuming facility than is the nearest existing  
14 distribution line of any other retail electric supplier. Any  
15 disputes under this subsection shall be resolved by the Commission.

16 C. If the Commission, after hearing, shall determine that the  
17 retail electric service being furnished or proposed to be furnished  
18 by a retail electric supplier to an electric-consuming facility is  
19 inadequate and is not likely to be made adequate, the Commission may  
20 authorize another retail electric supplier to furnish retail  
21 electric service to such facility.

22 D. Except as provided in subsection C of this section, no  
23 retail electric supplier shall furnish, make available, render or  
24 extend retail electric service to any electric-consuming facility to  
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1 which such service is being lawfully furnished by another retail  
2 electric supplier on September 10, 1971, or to which retail electric  
3 service is lawfully commenced thereafter in accordance with this  
4 section by another retail electric supplier.

5 E. The provisions of ~~this act~~ the Retail Electric Supplier  
6 Certified Territory Act shall not preclude any retail electric  
7 supplier from extending its service after September 10, 1971, (1) to  
8 its own property and facilities, in an unincorporated area, and (2)  
9 subject to subsection D of this section, to an electric-consuming  
10 facility requiring electric service, in an unincorporated area, if  
11 the connected load for initial full operation of such electric-  
12 consuming facility is to be 1,000 kw or larger.

13 F. To achieve the purposes of efficient, cost-effective retail  
14 electric service without duplication of electric facilities and to  
15 avoid unfairly shifting costs to residential consumers, retail  
16 electric service providers are required to establish and utilize  
17 rate tariffs which are specifically applicable to a rate class of  
18 customers composed of electric-consuming facilities being served in  
19 accord with the 1,000 kw size exception found in subsection E of  
20 this section and located outside the retail electric service  
21 provider's certified territory. These tariffs may be for a specific  
22 electric-consuming facility or for a class of electric-consuming  
23 facilities taking service under this provision. For retail electric  
24 service providers that are rate-regulated by the Commission, the  
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1 rates supporting this rate class shall be determined in the rate-  
2 regulated service provider's most recent rate proceeding. Rates for  
3 this rate class shall be designed to recover (i) the costs of  
4 extending service to the competitive load of electric-consuming  
5 facilities of 1,000 kw or larger located outside the retail electric  
6 service provider's certified territory; and (ii) the allocated share  
7 of other costs associated with providing service to the electric-  
8 consuming facility. Such tariffs shall be cost-of-service based and  
9 shall not subsidize other rate classes or be subsidized by other  
10 rate classes. Unless costs of extending service to such a new load  
11 are collected from the customer, those costs shall be included in  
12 the cost of service study in the next rate proceeding. If the  
13 electric service provider, in whose certified territory the  
14 competitive load is seeking electric service, chooses in writing not  
15 to compete for said competitive load or does not respond within  
16 thirty (30) days of receiving written notice by the customer, the  
17 terms of this subsection shall not apply.

18 G. Any retail electric service supplier, not excluded by  
19 Section 158.28 of this title, that intends to provide retail  
20 electric service to a new electric-consuming facility within the  
21 certified territory of another retail electric service provider  
22 shall notify that incumbent retail electric service provider and  
23 Public Utility District (PUD), either in writing or by electronic  
24 mail, no less than fifteen (15) business days prior to a contract  
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1 for service, written or verbal, being made between the non-incumbent  
2 retail electric service provider and the new electric-consuming  
3 facility. Upon request by the new electric-consuming facility,  
4 information contained in the notice shall be maintained  
5 confidentially by the incumbent retail electric service provider and  
6 arrangements shall be made with PUD to allow such information to  
7 remain confidential. This notice shall provide information  
8 including, but not limited to, the following:

9 1. A specific description of the anticipated location of the  
10 new electric-consuming facility by Global Positioning System  
11 coordinates to allow clear identification of the new facility's  
12 location, and the identification of the certified territory of the  
13 retail electric service provider.

14 2. A specific description of the planned size of the connected  
15 load for initial full operation to be added.

16 3. Identification of the tariff, on file with PUD, under which  
17 the retail electric supplier intends to serve the electric-consuming  
18 facility.

19 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2024.  
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