

SENATE FLOOR VERSION

February 20, 2025

SENATE BILL NO. 460

By: Green of the Senate

and

Boles of the House

An Act relating to natural gas; amending 17 O.S. 2021, Section 801.5, which relates to natural gas energy standard; establishing natural gas as preferred fuel source for new generation; updating statutory language; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 17 O.S. 2021, Section 801.5, is amended to read as follows:

Section 801.5. A. The Legislature declares that it is in the public interest to promote natural gas energy development in order to take advantage of our state's vast natural gas resources and its compatibility with wind energy.

B. It is further declared the intent of the Legislature to promote natural gas energy development in this state by establishing a natural gas energy standard to increase the use of natural gas as an electricity generation fuel.

1 C. There is hereby established a natural gas energy standard to
2 supplement the increased volume of renewable energy and to
3 capitalize on the state's abundant natural gas resources. The
4 natural gas energy standard shall be achieved by declaring natural
5 gas as the preferred choice of electric generation for new ~~fossil~~
6 ~~fuel~~ generating facilities in this state ~~after the effective date of~~
7 ~~this act through January 1, 2020.~~

8 D. ~~Beginning January 1, 2011, through January 1, 2020, it~~ It is
9 the intent of the state that new ~~fossil-fuel~~ generating facilities
10 and added capacity to existing ~~fossil-fuel~~ generating facilities
11 built in this state be powered by natural gas. Any electricity
12 generating entity in the state choosing a ~~fossil-fuel~~ source other
13 than natural gas may provide evidence to the Corporation Commission,
14 or other appropriate regulatory body of those entities not regulated
15 by the Commission, that the ~~fossil~~ fuel source chosen by such entity
16 is in the best interest of this state's electric consumers.

17 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2025.

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

22 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON ENERGY
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