

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 1510

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to energy; requiring certain bonds prior to construction of certain facilities; requiring certain fee; requiring certain certificate; authorizing certain entry; requiring certain payment; 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 160.13A of Title 17, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Prior to commencing construction of a wind energy facility, the owner or operator of a wind energy facility shall file a surety bond with the Secretary of State in the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) and such bond shall be conditioned upon compliance with the Oklahoma Wind Energy Development Act for payment of any location damages due which the owner or operator cannot otherwise pay. The Secretary of State shall hold such corporate surety bond for the benefit of the landowners of this state and shall ensure that such security is in a form readily payable to a

landowner awarded damages in an action brought pursuant to this act.
Each corporate surety bond filed with the Secretary of State shall
be accompanied by a filing fee of Ten Dollars (\$10.00).

B. The bonding company shall file, for such fee as is provided
for by law, a certificate that such bond is in effect or has been
canceled, or that a claim has been made against it in the office of
the court clerk in each county in which the owner or operator is
planning to construct. The bond must remain in full force and
effect as long as the owner or operator continues wind energy
operations in this state. Each such filing shall be accompanied by
a filing fee of Ten Dollars (\$10.00).

C. Upon deposit of the bond, the owner or operator shall be
permitted entry upon the property and shall be permitted to commence
construction of a wind energy facility in accordance with the terms
and conditions of any lease or other existing contractual or lawful
right.

D. If the damages agreed to by the parties or awarded by the
court are greater than the bond, the owner or operator shall pay the
damages immediately or post an additional bond sufficient to cover
the damages. Such increase in bond shall comply with the
requirements of this section.

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 815 of Title 17, unless there is
created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

1 A. Prior to commencing construction of a solar power facility,
2 as defined in Section 820.1 of Title 17 of the Oklahoma Statutes,
3 the owner or operator of a solar power facility shall file a surety
4 bond with the Secretary of State in the sum of One Hundred Thousand
5 Dollars (\$100,000.00) and such bond shall be conditioned upon
6 compliance with the Commission Solar Decommissioning Act as
7 determined by the Corporation Commission for payment of any location
8 damages due which the owner or operator cannot otherwise pay. The
9 Secretary of State shall hold such corporate surety bond for the
10 benefit of the landowners of this state and shall ensure that such
11 security is in a form readily payable to a landowner awarded damages
12 in an action brought pursuant to this act. Each corporate surety
13 bond filed with the Secretary of State shall be accompanied by a
14 filing fee of Ten Dollars (\$10.00).

15 B. The bonding company shall file, for such fee as is provided
16 for by law, a certificate that such bond is in effect or has been
17 canceled, or that a claim has been made against it in the office of
18 the court clerk in each county in which the owner or operator is
19 planning to construct. The bond must remain in full force and
20 effect as long as the owner or operator continues solar energy
21 operations in this state. Each such filing shall be accompanied by
22 a filing fee of Ten Dollars (\$10.00).

23 C. Upon deposit of the bond, the owner or operator shall be
24 permitted entry upon the property and shall be permitted to commence
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2 and conditions of any lease or other existing contractual or lawful
3 right.

4 D. If the damages agreed to by the parties or awarded by the
5 court are greater than the bond, the owner or operator shall pay the
6 damages immediately or post an additional bond sufficient to cover
7 the damages. Such increase in bond shall comply with the
8 requirements of this section.

9 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2026.

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