

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
4 FOR

5 SENATE BILL 480

6 By: Green of the Senate

7 and

8 Boles of the House

9 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

10 An Act relating to utilities; amending 17 O.S. 2021,  
11 Section 151, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 67,  
12 O.S.L. 2024 (17 O.S. Supp. 2024, Section 151), which  
13 relates to definition of a public utility; modifying  
14 certain exception to definition; updating statutory  
15 language; updating statutory reference; and providing  
16 an effective date.

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

18 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 17 O.S. 2021, Section 151, as  
19 amended by Section 1, Chapter 67, O.S.L. 2024 (17 O.S. Supp. 2024,  
20 Section 151), is amended to read as follows:

21 Section 151. A. 1. The term "public utility" as used in  
22 Sections 151 through 155 of this title, shall be taken to mean and  
23 include every corporation, association, company, ~~individuals~~  
24 individual, their trustees, lessees, or receivers, successors or  
assigns, except as hereinafter provided, and except cities, towns,

1 or other bodies politic, that now or hereafter may own, operate, or  
2 manage any plant or equipment, or any part thereof, directly or  
3 indirectly, for public use, or may supply any commodity to be  
4 furnished to the public:

5 ~~(a) For~~

6 a. for the conveyance of gas by pipeline,

7 ~~(b) For~~

8 b. for the production, transmission, delivery, or  
9 furnishing of heat or light with gas,

10 ~~(c) For~~

11 c. for the production, transmission, delivery, or  
12 furnishing of electric current for light, heat, or  
13 power, or

14 ~~(d) For~~

15 d. for the transportation, delivery, or furnishing of  
16 water for domestic purposes or for power. Provided  
17 further, that a corporation organized and existing not  
18 for profit pursuant to Title 18 of the Oklahoma  
19 Statutes, Sections 851-863, but for the purpose of  
20 developing and providing rural water supply and sewage  
21 disposal facilities to serve rural residents shall not  
22 be declared a public utility under this ~~act~~ section,  
23 and shall be exempt in any and all respects from the

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1 jurisdiction and control of the Corporation Commission  
2 of this state.

3 2. The term "Commission" shall be taken to mean Corporation  
4 Commission of Oklahoma.

5 B. Provided, that:

6 ~~1. In Washington County, where any corporation, association,~~  
7 ~~company, individuals, their trustees, lessees, or receivers,~~  
8 ~~successors or assigns, is engaged in the private business of~~  
9 ~~manufacturing any products other than those hereinbefore defined,~~  
10 ~~and in the manufacture of such products operate and maintain private~~  
11 ~~electric or water plants for its own power and electrical energy or~~  
12 ~~water used in its manufacturing plant, without the right of eminent~~  
13 ~~domain and without the use of streets, highways or public property,~~  
14 ~~it may contract upon terms and prices approved by Corporation~~  
15 ~~Commission the sale of a bona fide surplus of electrical energy or~~  
16 ~~water developed in such private plants to any public utility engaged~~  
17 ~~in manufacturing and distributing electrical energy in Washington~~  
18 ~~County, Oklahoma, without becoming a public utility. Provided~~  
19 ~~further any city or town within a county having a population of over~~  
20 ~~five hundred thousand (500,000) or any county having a population of~~  
21 ~~over five hundred thousand (500,000), according to the 1970 Federal~~  
22 ~~Census, which is a beneficiary of a public trust that has multiple~~  
23 ~~beneficiaries and that includes within any or all of its boundaries~~  
24 ~~a water supply and/or distribution system, or any portion thereof,~~

1 ~~shall have the authority to condemn all or any portion of any water~~  
2 ~~supply and/or distribution system owned and/or operated and/or~~  
3 ~~leased by a public trust within the limits of the condemning city or~~  
4 ~~town or within the unincorporated areas of the condemning county;~~  
5 ~~provided the power granted hereunder shall not be exercised until~~  
6 ~~the condemning city, town or county shall have made provision to pay~~  
7 ~~off all outstanding bonded indebtedness incurred by the public~~  
8 ~~trust, including interest on the bonds to maturity of the bonds, or~~  
9 ~~first call date, and premium, if any, to which the property to be~~  
10 ~~condemned or the revenues therefrom has been pledged for security.~~

11       2. ~~The~~ the term public utility shall not include or be taken to  
12 mean a corporation, association, company, ~~individuals~~ individual,  
13 their trustees, lessees, receivers, successors, or assigns engaged  
14 in the production of ~~green hydrogen~~ electricity, provided that such  
15 entity furnishes an electric service or commodity only to itself, an  
16 affiliate, or tenants ~~solely engaged in the production of green~~  
17 ~~hydrogen~~ on the premises, so long as that service or commodity is  
18 not resold as retail electric service. Nothing herein shall relieve  
19 such an entity of its obligation to comply with state and federal  
20 grid interconnection and registration requirements and associated  
21 costs from the applicable regional transmission organization or  
22 public utility in the state, nor shall it limit any party from  
23 asserting a right they may otherwise be entitled to under Oklahoma  
24 law.

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SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.

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