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## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
FOR ENGROSSED  
SENATE BILL NO. 915

By: Green of the Senate

and

Boles and **Burns** of the  
House

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[ solar energy facilities - terms - new facilities -  
standards - applicability - payment - promulgation  
- codification - effective date  
emergency ]

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 160.41 of Title 17, unless there  
is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. As used in this section:

1. "Commercial solar energy facility" means an installation of  
interconnected photovoltaic, ground-mounted solar panels on a tract

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1 of land in this state, which generate electricity for distribution.  
2 Provided, the term shall not include any solar energy generated  
3 through distributed generation installed by residential customers;  
4 and

5 2. "Distributed generation" means distributed generation as  
6 defined in Section 156 of Title 17 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

7 B. Any commercial solar energy facility constructed on land  
8 owned and leased by the Commissioners of the Land Office on and  
9 after the effective date of this act shall:

10 1. Be installed on permanent grass that is suitable for  
11 livestock grazing and allow for the grazing of livestock. Provided,  
12 the landowner shall not be liable for any damage to the facility  
13 caused by livestock;

14 2. Be constructed at not less than six (6) feet high from the  
15 lowest point of the solar panel;

16 3. If there is more than one row of solar panels, provide not  
17 less than twenty-five (25) feet of space between each row;

18 4. Be constructed not less than five hundred (500) feet from  
19 the nearest point on the outside wall of any occupied residence,  
20 unless waived in writing by the owner of the residence;

21 5. Promote optimal runoff flow with diversions, terraces,  
22 basins, and other earthworks to prevent soil loss and erosion; and

23 6. Be liable for all soil erosion occurring along the land in  
24 which the panels are installed for the life of the project.

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1 C. Any land owned and leased by the Commissioners of the Land  
2 Office in which a commercial solar energy facility is constructed  
3 on, shall also be made available to be leased by another party for  
4 the purposes of livestock grazing.

5 D. Upon the effective date of this act, the owner of the  
6 commercial solar energy facility shall be required to pay ad valorem  
7 taxes and any other assessments due upon the improvements or  
8 structures of the commercial solar energy facility. The owner of  
9 the commercial solar energy facility shall make the required payment  
10 to the county treasurer of the county not later than December 31 of  
11 each year.

12 E. A leasing agreement offered to a landowner by an operator of  
13 a solar energy facility shall, if elected by the landowner, offer  
14 the same provisions as prescribed in paragraphs 1 through 6 of  
15 subsection B of this section. The landowner may elect not to  
16 include such provisions in the leasing agreement.

17 F. The Corporation Commission shall enforce the provisions of  
18 this act and may promulgate any rules necessary to effectuate the  
19 provisions of this act, including the assessment of fines and fees.

20 G. This act shall apply to ten (10) megawatt and larger solar  
21 energy and associated battery storage facilities. Furthermore, this  
22 act shall apply to any project in development that does not yet have  
23 an interconnection agreement in place on or after the effective date  
24 of this act.

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

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

COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES  
OVERSIGHT, dated 04/24/2025 - DO PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.