

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 BILL NO. 460

By: Green of the Senate

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4 Boles of the House

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6 An Act relating to natural gas; amending 17 O.S.
7 2021, Section 801.5, which relates to natural gas
8 energy standard; establishing natural gas as
9 preferred fuel source for new generation; updating
10 statutory language; providing an effective date; and
11 declaring an emergency.

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

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

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

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

23 C. There is hereby established a natural gas energy standard to
24 supplement the increased volume of renewable energy and to
25 capitalize on the state's abundant natural gas resources. The

1 natural gas energy standard shall be achieved by declaring natural
2 gas as the preferred choice of electric generation for new ~~fossil~~
3 ~~fuel~~ generating facilities in this state ~~after the effective date of~~
4 ~~this act through January 1, 2020.~~

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

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

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

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