

BILL SUMMARY

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Bill No.:	HB2756
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Impact:	\$1,500,000 in Recurring Costs \$100,000 in One-Time Costs

Research Analysis

The committee substitute for HB 2756 requires any transmission developer to apply for a certificate of authority from the Corporation Commission for any high voltage transmission line or transmission facility with a rating of 300 kV or higher. The measure lists the requirements for the application. If the developer is required to file subsequent forms with FERC due to modified plans, the developer must file those same forms with the Commission.

The measure also lists notification requirements and other requirements for the developer. They must:

- provide proof that a notice was published in appropriate newspapers within 30 days of filing the application for certificate of authority;
- provide proof that notification was mailed to Board of Commissioners of every county in which the electric transmission will be located, all service landowners which will be affected above or below ground, and any potentially affected oil and gas operators;
- file an attestation of sufficient insurance coverage; and
- file environmental impact statements, a safety plan, a decommissioning plan, and a financial surety guarantee.

Finally, there must be a public meeting held 90 days after notice is given.

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Fiscal Analysis

The committee substitute to HB 2756 requires transmission developers to obtain a Certificate of Authority from the Oklahoma Corporation Commission for certain electric transmission lines or facilities. The measure authorizes the Corporation Commission to assess a filing fee for obtaining a Certificate of Authority of no more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00). The Corporation Commission anticipates the need to hire additional staff (7 FTE for the Public Utilities Division within the Commission as well as 2-3 FTE for legal and administrative purposes) to review Certificate of Authority applications as well as the potential need to hire outside consultation. The Corporation Commission estimates the total recurring costs to be One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000) and the total one-time costs to be One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) to implement the provisions of this measure.

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Other Considerations

None.

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