

1 natural gas utilities on behalf of Oklahoma energy consumers for
2 their fueling, heating and power needs, and that natural gas
3 utilities play a unique and necessary role in procuring,
4 transporting and delivering gas, including renewable natural gas, to
5 Oklahoma energy consumers.

6 C. For purposes of this section:

7 1. "Biogas" means a mixture of carbon dioxide and hydrocarbons,
8 primarily methane gas, released from the biological decomposition of
9 waste, including, but not limited to, animal manure, wastewater,
10 municipal solid waste, landfilled waste, fats, oils and greases and
11 food waste; and

12 2. "Renewable natural gas" means:

13 a. biogas-derived methane gas that is interchangeable
14 with geologic natural gas,

15 b. hydrogen gas or carbon oxides derived from renewable
16 energy sources, or

17 c. methane gas derived from any combination of hydrogen
18 gas or carbon oxides derived from renewable energy
19 sources, biogas and waste carbon dioxide.

20 D. The Oklahoma Corporation Commission shall, no later than
21 December 1, 2021, issue a report and recommendations to the
22 Legislature regarding the ability and appropriateness of natural gas
23 utilities to procure, transport and deliver renewable natural gas to
24 customers. The report shall address a recommendation for the

1 state's renewable fuel standard or goal to more proactively promote
2 biogas, renewable natural gas and hydrogen as solutions for reducing
3 methane emissions and other environmental problems. The report
4 shall also discuss the methods for recovery of associated costs from
5 ratepayers, such as transport infrastructure and commodity costs.
6 The report shall also address the production of educational
7 materials to provide Oklahoma residents with information regarding
8 renewable natural gas and its positive environmental impacts and
9 benefits. The report shall also discuss future reporting
10 requirements for all producers so the Commission can report progress
11 annually to the Legislature. The report shall be due to the
12 Legislature no later than December 1, 2021.

13 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2021.

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