1	HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION
2	STATE OF OKLAHOMA
3	1st Session of the 58th Legislature (2021)
4	HOUSE BILL 1815 By: McBride of the House
5	and
6	David of the Senate
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9	AS INTRODUCED
10	An Act relating to renewable gas energy; making
11	certain declaration; declaring legislative intent; defining terms; requiring the Oklahoma Corporation
12	Commission to issue a report and recommendations to the Legislature by a certain date; providing for
13	codification; and providing an effective date.
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16	BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:
17	SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
18	in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 801.8 of Title 17, unless there
19	is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:
20	A. The Legislature declares that renewable natural gas is a
21	complement to our state's vast natural gas and renewable energy
22	resources that can be carbon neutral or carbon negative.
23	B. It is further declared the intent of the Legislature to
24	ensure renewable natural gas is allowable in the portfolio of

- natural gas utilities on behalf of Oklahoma energy consumers for
 their fueling, heating and power needs, and that natural gas
 utilities play a unique and necessary role in procuring,
 transporting and delivering gas, including renewable natural gas, to
 Oklahoma energy consumers.
 - C. For purposes of this section:

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- 1. "Biogas" means a mixture of carbon dioxide and hydrocarbons, primarily methane gas, released from the biological decomposition of waste, including, but not limited to, animal manure, wastewater, municipal solid waste, landfilled waste, fats, oils and greases and food waste; and
 - 2. "Renewable natural gas" means:
 - a. biogas-derived methane gas that is interchangeable
 with geologic natural gas,
 - b. hydrogen gas or carbon oxides derived from renewable energy sources, or
 - c. methane gas derived from any combination of hydrogen gas or carbon oxides derived from renewable energy sources, biogas and waste carbon dioxide.
- D. The Oklahoma Corporation Commission shall, no later than December 1, 2021, issue a report and recommendations to the Legislature regarding the ability and appropriateness of natural gas utilities to procure, transport and deliver renewable natural gas to 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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15	COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES, dated 02/18/2021 - DO PASS, As Coauthored.
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