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3 SENATE BILL 1276

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to income tax credits; providing  
8 short title; amending 68 O.S. 2011, Section 2357.32A,  
9 as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 44, O.S.L. 2017  
10 (68 O.S. Supp. 2017, Section 2357.32A), which relates  
11 to credits for production of electricity from zero-  
12 emission facilities; providing short title; adding  
13 exception; requiring specified information to be  
14 reported to the Oklahoma Tax Commission on certain  
15 schedule; limiting eligibility of certain electricity  
16 for credit under certain circumstances; providing for  
17 noncodification; and providing an effective date.

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

19 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be  
20 codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

21 This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Zero Emission  
22 Tax Credit Transparency Act of 2018".

23 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 68 O.S. 2011, Section 2357.32A, as  
24 last amended by Section 1, Chapter 44, O.S.L. 2017 (68 O.S. Supp.  
2017, Section 2357.32A), is amended to read as follows:

25 Section 2357.32A. A. Except as otherwise provided in  
26 ~~subsection H~~ subsections H and I of this section, for tax years

1 beginning on or after January 1, 2003, there shall be allowed a  
2 credit against the tax imposed by Section 2355 of this title to a  
3 taxpayer for the taxpayer's production and sale to an unrelated  
4 person of electricity generated by zero-emission facilities located  
5 in this state. As used in this section:

6 1. "Electricity generated by zero-emission facilities" means  
7 electricity that is exclusively produced by any facility located in  
8 this state with a rated production capacity of one megawatt (1 mw)  
9 or greater, constructed for the generation of electricity and placed  
10 in operation after June 4, 2001, and with respect to electricity  
11 generated by wind for any facility placed in operation not later  
12 than July 1, 2017, which utilizes eligible renewable resources as  
13 its fuel source. The construction and operation of such facilities  
14 shall result in no pollution or emissions that are or may be harmful  
15 to the environment, pursuant to a determination by the Department of  
16 Environmental Quality; and

17 2. "Eligible renewable resources" means resources derived from:  
18 a. wind,  
19 b. moving water,  
20 c. sun, or  
21 d. geothermal energy.

22 B. For facilities placed in operation on or after January 1,  
23 2003, and before January 1, 2007, the amount of the credit for the  
24 electricity generated on or after January 1, 2003, but prior to

1 January 1, 2004, shall be seventy-five one-hundredths of one cent  
2 (\$0.0075) for each kilowatt-hour of electricity generated by zero-  
3 emission facilities. For electricity generated on or after January  
4 1, 2004, but prior to January 1, 2007, the amount of the credit  
5 shall be fifty one-hundredths of one cent (\$0.0050) per kilowatt-  
6 hour for electricity generated by zero-emission facilities. For  
7 electricity generated on or after January 1, 2007, but prior to  
8 January 1, 2012, the amount of the credit shall be twenty-five one-  
9 hundredths of one cent (\$0.0025) per kilowatt-hour of electricity  
10 generated by zero-emission facilities. For facilities placed in  
11 operation on or after January 1, 2007, and before January 1, 2021,  
12 or with respect to electricity generated by wind for any facility  
13 placed in operation not later than July 1, 2017, the amount of the  
14 credit for the electricity generated on or after January 1, 2007,  
15 shall be fifty one-hundredths of one cent (\$0.0050) for each  
16 kilowatt-hour of electricity generated by zero-emission facilities.

17 C. Credits may be claimed with respect to electricity generated  
18 on or after January 1, 2003, during a ten-year period following the  
19 date that the facility is placed in operation on or after June 4,  
20 2001.

21 D. 1. For credits generated prior to January 1, 2014, if the  
22 credit allowed pursuant to this section exceeds the amount of income  
23 taxes due or if there are no state income taxes due on the income of  
24 the taxpayer, the amount of the credit allowed but not used in any

1 tax year may be carried forward as a credit against subsequent  
2 income tax liability for a period not exceeding ten (10) years.

3 2. For credits generated, but not used, on or after January 1,  
4 2014, the Oklahoma Tax Commission shall refund, at the taxpayer's  
5 election, directly to the taxpayer eighty-five percent (85%) of the  
6 face amount of such credits. The direct refund of the credits  
7 pursuant to this paragraph shall be available to all taxpayers,  
8 including, without limitation, pass-through entities and taxpayers  
9 subject to Section 2355 of this title, but shall not be available to  
10 any entities falling within the provisions of subsection E of this  
11 section. The amount of any direct refund of credits actually  
12 received at the eighty-five percent (85%) level by the taxpayer  
13 pursuant to this paragraph shall not be subject to the tax imposed  
14 by Section 2355 of this title. If the pass-through entity does not  
15 file a claim for a direct refund, the pass-through entity shall  
16 allocate the credit to one or more of the shareholders, partners or  
17 members of the pass-through entity; provided, the total of all  
18 credits refunded or allocated shall not exceed the amount of the  
19 credit or refund to which the pass-through entity is entitled. For  
20 the purposes of this paragraph, "pass-through entity" means a  
21 corporation that for the applicable tax year is treated as an S  
22 corporation under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended,  
23 general partnership, limited partnership, limited liability  
24 partnership, trust or limited liability company that for the

1 applicable tax year is not taxed as a corporation for federal income  
2 tax purposes.

3 E. Any nontaxable entities, including agencies of the State of  
4 Oklahoma or political subdivisions thereof, shall be eligible to  
5 establish a transferable tax credit in the amount provided in  
6 subsection B of this section. Such tax credit shall be a property  
7 right available to a state agency or political subdivision of this  
8 state to transfer or sell to a taxable entity, whether individual or  
9 corporate, who shall have an actual or anticipated income tax  
10 liability under Section 2355 of this title. These tax credit  
11 provisions are authorized as an incentive to the State of Oklahoma,  
12 its agencies and political subdivisions to encourage the expenditure  
13 of funds in the development, construction and utilization of  
14 electricity from zero-emission facilities as defined in subsection A  
15 of this section.

16 F. For credits generated prior to January 1, 2014, the amount  
17 of the credit allowed, but not used, shall be freely transferable at  
18 any time during the ten (10) years following the year of  
19 qualification. Any person to whom or to which a tax credit is  
20 transferred shall have only such rights to claim and use the credit  
21 under the terms that would have applied to the entity by whom or by  
22 which the tax credit was transferred. The provisions of this  
23 subsection shall not limit the ability of a tax credit transferee to  
24 reduce the tax liability of the transferee, regardless of the actual

1 tax liability of the tax credit transferor, for the relevant taxable  
2 period. The transferor initially allowed the credit and any  
3 subsequent transferees shall jointly file a copy of any written  
4 transfer agreement with the Oklahoma Tax Commission within thirty  
5 (30) days of the transfer. The written agreement shall contain the  
6 name, address and taxpayer identification number or social security  
7 number of the parties to the transfer, the amount of the credit  
8 being transferred, the year the credit was originally allowed to the  
9 transferor, and the tax year or years for which the credit may be  
10 claimed. The Tax Commission may promulgate rules to permit  
11 verification of the validity and timeliness of the tax credit  
12 claimed upon a tax return pursuant to this subsection but shall not  
13 promulgate any rules that unduly restrict or hinder the transfers of  
14 such tax credit. The tax credit allowed by this section, upon the  
15 election of the taxpayer, may be claimed as a payment of tax, a  
16 prepayment of tax or a payment of estimated tax for purposes of  
17 Section 1803 or Section 2355 of this title.

18 G. For electricity generation produced and sold in a calendar  
19 year, the tax credit allowed by the provisions of this section, upon  
20 election of the taxpayer, shall be treated and may be claimed as a  
21 payment of tax, a prepayment of tax or a payment of estimated tax  
22 for purposes of Section 2355 of this title on or after July 1 of the  
23 following calendar year.

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1 H. No credit otherwise authorized by the provisions of this  
2 section may be claimed for any event, transaction, investment,  
3 expenditure or other act occurring on or after July 1, 2010, for  
4 which the credit would otherwise be allowable until the provisions  
5 of this subsection shall cease to be operative on July 1, 2011.  
6 Beginning July 1, 2011, the credit authorized by this section may be  
7 claimed for any event, transaction, investment, expenditure or other  
8 act occurring on or after July 1, 2010, according to the provisions  
9 of this section. Any tax credits which accrue during the period of  
10 July 1, 2010, through June 30, 2011, may not be claimed for any  
11 period prior to the taxable year beginning January 1, 2012. No  
12 credits which accrue during the period of July 1, 2010, through June  
13 30, 2011, may be used to file an amended tax return for any taxable  
14 year prior to the taxable year beginning January 1, 2012.

15 I. Each taxpayer claiming the credit provided by this section  
16 for electricity generated on or after January 1, 2019, shall report  
17 to the Oklahoma Tax Commission on a monthly basis for each turbine:

18 1. The amount of electricity produced;

19 2. The amount of electricity sold to a purchasing utility,  
20 public power authority, electric cooperative or any other purchaser;

21 3. The price per kilowatt-hour of electricity sold at the time  
22 of sale; and

23 4. The name of the entity purchasing electricity.

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1 The report required by this subsection shall be due no later than  
2 fifteen (15) days from the last day of the previous month and shall  
3 be signed and notarized by the owner or representative of the owner  
4 of the facility producing electricity. If the report is not timely  
5 submitted, the electricity produced during the month for which the  
6 report is delinquent shall not be eligible for the credit provided  
7 pursuant to this section.

8 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective January 1, 2019.

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