

BEFORE THE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF OKLAHOMA

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**IN RE: INQUIRY OF THE OKLAHOMA)
CORPORATION COMMISSION TO IDENTIFY)
AND RESOLVE ISSUES RELATED TO THE)
DEVELOPMENT AND USE OF WIND ENERGY)**

CAUSE NO. PUD 201400232

NOTICE OF INQUIRY

BY THE COMMISSION:

The Oklahoma Corporation Commission ("Commission") opens this Notice of Inquiry ("NOI") to identify and examine issues regarding wind energy development in the State of Oklahoma and in consideration of Senate President Pro Tempore Brian Bingman's letter dated May 19, 2014, requesting that the Commission examine certain aspects of wind energy development. The following items are some, but not necessarily all, matters to be considered:

SITING:

1. When siting a wind farm, which, if any, governmental entities are involved with the approval of the site? For each entity listed, please identify the area or function each has in regulation.
2. When siting wind turbines, what consideration should be given to the economic, geographical, and socioeconomic conditions of each location? Please identify all benefits and detriments.
3. In regard to wind siting, please identify the "best practices" that the wind industry recognizes. Are those practices codified? Are other states incorporating those practices into law and, if so, how?
4. Please identify all wind farm site location interconnection issues.
5. Are the following areas currently reviewed and/or regulated by specific regulatory authorities or by law: environmental conditions; safety; aesthetics; use and enjoyment of property; wildlife; noise pollution; and sound and flicker or light pollution. For each area identified, please provide the regulatory authority and/or associated law.
6. What are the current mechanisms at the city, county, state, and federal levels to resolve disputes concerning wind energy?
7. When siting is granted, is consideration given to areas of high consequence such as air fields, oil and gas facilities, roads, highways, schools, and hospitals?
8. How do Oklahoma's wind energy policies and regulations compare to those of other states? Are Oklahoma's policies more or less encouraging for development than policies in other states?

Technical Conferences: September 11, 2014, at 10:00 a.m.
October 15, 2014, at 10:00 a.m.

Additional Technical Conferences may be scheduled if necessary. Unless otherwise indicated, all Technical Conferences will be held in Courtroom 301, Oklahoma Corporation Commission, 2101 N. Lincoln Boulevard, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105.

Hearing Date: December 2, 2014, at 10:00 a.m. in Courtroom 301, Oklahoma Corporation Commission.

LEGAL AUTHORITY:

The Commission has jurisdiction over the above-entitled Notice of Inquiry pursuant to Article IX, Section 18, of the Oklahoma Constitution, 17 O.S. § 152, and 17 O.S. 160.11 *et seq.*

Interested persons are invited and encouraged to submit written comments and to attend and participate in the Technical Conferences and hearing to the fullest extent possible. The purpose of the Technical Conferences will be to receive pertinent information and to discuss issues and comments received by the Commission in response to this Notice of Inquiry. Commissioners may attend and participate in the Technical Conferences and hearing.

For further information, contact Tonya Hinex-Ford at 2101 N. Lincoln Boulevard, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105 or at T.Hinex-Ford@occcemail.com or 405-521-4114.

CORPORATION COMMISSION OF OKLAHOMA

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CERTIFICATION

DONE AND PERFORMED by the Commissioners participating in the issuance of this Notice of Inquiry, as shown by their signatures above, this 12th day of August 2014.

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Peggy Mitchell

PEGGY MITCHELL, Commission Secretary