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3 SENATE BILL 501

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to income tax credits; amending 68  
8 O.S. 2011, Section 2357.32A, as amended by Section 2,  
9 Chapter 371, O.S.L. 2013 (68 O.S. Supp. 2014, Section  
10 2357.32A), which relates to credits for certain  
11 activities; providing exception; limiting applicable  
12 time period for certain credit amount; providing  
13 contingency for reauthorization of credit; modifying  
14 amount of credit allowed for electricity generated  
15 from specified facilities; providing for annual total  
16 dollar limit on amount of credit allowed and  
17 authorizing allocation by Oklahoma Tax Commission;  
18 and providing an effective date.

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

20 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 68 O.S. 2011, Section 2357.32A, as  
21 amended by Section 2, Chapter 371, O.S.L. 2013 (68 O.S. Supp. 2014,  
22 Section 2357.32A), is amended to read as follows:

23 Section 2357.32A. A. Except as otherwise provided in  
24 ~~subsection~~ subsections H and I of this section, for tax years  
beginning on or after January 1, 2003, there shall be allowed a  
credit against the tax imposed by Section 2355 of this title to a  
taxpayer for the taxpayer's production and sale to an unrelated

1 person of electricity generated by zero-emission facilities located  
2 in this state. As used in this section:

3 1. "Electricity generated by zero-emission facilities" means  
4 electricity that is exclusively produced by any facility located in  
5 this state with a rated production capacity of one megawatt (1 mw)  
6 or greater, constructed for the generation of electricity and placed  
7 in operation after June 4, 2001, which utilizes eligible renewable  
8 resources as its fuel source. The construction and operation of  
9 such facilities shall result in no pollution or emissions that are  
10 or may be harmful to the environment, pursuant to a determination by  
11 the Department of Environmental Quality; and

12 2. "Eligible renewable resources" means resources derived from:  
13 a. wind,  
14 b. moving water,  
15 c. sun, or  
16 d. geothermal energy.

17 B. 1. For facilities placed in operation on or after January  
18 1, 2003, and before January 1, 2007, the amount of the credit for  
19 the electricity generated on or after January 1, 2003, but prior to  
20 January 1, 2004, shall be seventy-five one-hundredths of one cent  
21 (\$0.0075) for each kilowatt-hour of electricity generated by zero-  
22 emission facilities. For electricity generated on or after January  
23 1, 2004, but prior to January 1, 2007, the amount of the credit  
24 shall be fifty one-hundredths of one cent (\$0.0050) per kilowatt-

1 hour for electricity generated by zero-emission facilities. For  
2 electricity generated on or after January 1, 2007, but prior to  
3 January 1, 2012, the amount of the credit shall be twenty-five one-  
4 hundredths of one cent (\$0.0025) per kilowatt-hour of electricity  
5 generated by zero-emission facilities.

6 2. For facilities placed in operation on or after January 1,  
7 2007, and before ~~January 1, 2021~~ January 1, 2016, the amount of the  
8 credit for the electricity generated on or after January 1, 2007,  
9 shall be fifty one-hundredths of one cent (\$0.0050) for each  
10 kilowatt-hour of electricity generated by zero-emission facilities.

11 3. For facilities placed in operation on or after January 1,  
12 2016, and before January 1, 2021, unless reauthorized by the  
13 Oklahoma Legislature after review of the report required pursuant to  
14 Section 1 of Senate Bill No. 72 of the 1st Session of the 55th  
15 Oklahoma Legislature, the amount of the credit for each kilowatt-  
16 hour of electricity generated shall be as follows:

17 a. for the first 12 months of operation, fifty one-  
18 hundredths of one cent (\$0.0050),

19 b. for the second 12 months of operation, forty one-  
20 hundredths of one cent (\$0.0040),

21 c. for the third 12 months of operation, thirty one-  
22 hundredths of one cent (\$0.0030),

23 d. for the fourth 12 months of operation, twenty one-  
24 hundredths of one cent (\$0.0020), and

1           e. for all months of operation after the first forty-  
2           eight (48), ten one-hundredths of one cent (\$0.0010).

3           C. Credits may be claimed with respect to electricity generated  
4 on or after January 1, 2003, during a ten-year period following the  
5 date that the facility is placed in operation on or after June 4,  
6 2001.

7           D. 1. For credits generated prior to January 1, 2014, if the  
8 credit allowed pursuant to this section exceeds the amount of income  
9 taxes due or if there are no state income taxes due on the income of  
10 the taxpayer, the amount of the credit allowed but not used in any  
11 tax year may be carried forward as a credit against subsequent  
12 income tax liability for a period not exceeding ten (10) years.

13           2. For credits generated, but not used, on or after January 1,  
14 2014, the Oklahoma Tax Commission shall refund, at the taxpayer's  
15 election, directly to the taxpayer eighty-five percent (85%) of the  
16 face amount of such credits. The direct refund of the credits  
17 pursuant to this paragraph shall be available to all taxpayers,  
18 including, without limitation, pass-through entities and taxpayers  
19 subject to Section 2355 of this title, but shall not be available to  
20 any entities falling within the provisions of subsection E of this  
21 section. The amount of any direct refund of credits actually  
22 received at the eighty-five percent (85%) level by the taxpayer  
23 pursuant to this paragraph shall not be subject to the tax imposed  
24 by Section 2355 of this title. If the pass-through entity does not

1 file a claim for a direct refund, the pass-through entity shall  
2 allocate the credit to one or more of the shareholders, partners or  
3 members of the pass-through entity; provided, the total of all  
4 credits refunded or allocated shall not exceed the amount of the  
5 credit or refund to which the pass-through entity is entitled. For  
6 the purposes of this paragraph, "pass-through entity" means a  
7 corporation that for the applicable tax year is treated as an S  
8 corporation under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended,  
9 general partnership, limited partnership, limited liability  
10 partnership, trust or limited liability company that for the  
11 applicable tax year is not taxed as a corporation for federal income  
12 tax purposes.

13 E. Any nontaxable entities, including agencies of the State of  
14 Oklahoma or political subdivisions thereof, shall be eligible to  
15 establish a transferable tax credit in the amount provided in  
16 subsection B of this section. Such tax credit shall be a property  
17 right available to a state agency or political subdivision of this  
18 state to transfer or sell to a taxable entity, whether individual or  
19 corporate, who shall have an actual or anticipated income tax  
20 liability under Section 2355 of this title. These tax credit  
21 provisions are authorized as an incentive to the State of Oklahoma,  
22 its agencies and political subdivisions to encourage the expenditure  
23 of funds in the development, construction and utilization of

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1 electricity from zero-emission facilities as defined in subsection A  
2 of this section.

3 F. For credits generated prior to January 1, 2014, the amount  
4 of the credit allowed, but not used, shall be freely transferable at  
5 any time during the ten (10) years following the year of  
6 qualification. Any person to whom or to which a tax credit is  
7 transferred shall have only such rights to claim and use the credit  
8 under the terms that would have applied to the entity by whom or by  
9 which the tax credit was transferred. The provisions of this  
10 subsection shall not limit the ability of a tax credit transferee to  
11 reduce the tax liability of the transferee, regardless of the actual  
12 tax liability of the tax credit transferor, for the relevant taxable  
13 period. The transferor initially allowed the credit and any  
14 subsequent transferees shall jointly file a copy of any written  
15 transfer agreement with the Oklahoma Tax Commission within thirty  
16 (30) days of the transfer. The written agreement shall contain the  
17 name, address and taxpayer identification number or social security  
18 number of the parties to the transfer, the amount of the credit  
19 being transferred, the year the credit was originally allowed to the  
20 transferor, and the tax year or years for which the credit may be  
21 claimed. The Tax Commission may promulgate rules to permit  
22 verification of the validity and timeliness of the tax credit  
23 claimed upon a tax return pursuant to this subsection but shall not  
24 promulgate any rules that unduly restrict or hinder the transfers of

1 such tax credit. The tax credit allowed by this section, upon the  
2 election of the taxpayer, may be claimed as a payment of tax, a  
3 prepayment of tax or a payment of estimated tax for purposes of  
4 Section 1803 or Section 2355 of this title.

5 G. For electricity generation produced and sold in a calendar  
6 year, the tax credit allowed by the provisions of this section, upon  
7 election of the taxpayer, shall be treated and may be claimed as a  
8 payment of tax, a prepayment of tax or a payment of estimated tax  
9 for purposes of Section 2355 of this title on or after July 1 of the  
10 following calendar year.

11 H. No credit otherwise authorized by the provisions of this  
12 section may be claimed for any event, transaction, investment,  
13 expenditure or other act occurring on or after July 1, 2010, for  
14 which the credit would otherwise be allowable until the provisions  
15 of this subsection shall cease to be operative on July 1, 2011.  
16 Beginning July 1, 2011, the credit authorized by this section may be  
17 claimed for any event, transaction, investment, expenditure or other  
18 act occurring on or after July 1, 2010, according to the provisions  
19 of this section. Any tax credits which accrue during the period of  
20 July 1, 2010, through June 30, 2011, may not be claimed for any  
21 period prior to the taxable year beginning January 1, 2012. No  
22 credits which accrue during the period of July 1, 2010, through June  
23 30, 2011, may be used to file an amended tax return for any taxable  
24 year prior to the taxable year beginning January 1, 2012.

1 I. For facilities placed in service on or after January 1, 2016,  
2 total credits allowed pursuant to this section for all taxpayers  
3 shall not exceed Six Million Dollars (\$6,000,000.00) annually. Such  
4 credits shall be allocated by the Tax Commission on a first-come,  
5 first-served basis.

6 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2015.

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