STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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CONFERENCE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR ENGROSSED
SENATE BILL 1765         By: Myers, Bingman and
                        Crutchfield of the Senate
                        and
                        Adkins of the House

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An Act relating to geologic storage of carbon
dioxide; stating legislative findings; creating the
Oklahoma Geologic Storage of Carbon Dioxide Task
Force; stating membership; providing for staffing;
requiring appointments by certain date; providing for
travel reimbursement; requiring report by certain
date; providing for termination of task force;
requiring for noncodification; and declaring an
emergency.

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

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

A. The Oklahoma Legislature declares that:

1. The capture, recovery and geologic storage of carbon dioxide
will benefit the citizens of this state;

2. Carbon dioxide is a valuable commodity to the citizens of
this state;
3. Geologic storage of carbon dioxide gas may allow for the orderly withdrawal as appropriate or necessary, thereby allowing carbon dioxide to be available for commercial, industrial or other uses; and

4. Current state statutes and agency rules governing the use of carbon dioxide for the purpose of enhanced oil recovery are sufficient to protect the environment and human health.

B. In order to provide the safe storage and regulation of carbon dioxide in a manner that protects the environment and human health, there is hereby created the Oklahoma Geologic Storage of Carbon Dioxide Task Force.

C. The task force shall consist of fifteen (15) members as follows:

1. The Secretary of Agriculture, or designee;
2. The Secretary of Energy, or designee;
3. The Secretary of Environment, or designee;
4. One representative of a statewide environmental group and one representative of the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission to be appointed by the Governor;
5. One member of the Senate Energy and Environment Committee, one representative of an electrical generation facility, one representative from a statewide landowner group and one representative of the oil or natural gas industry to be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;
6. One member of the House Energy and Technology Committee, one
representative of an electrical generation facility, one
representative of a statewide mineral owners group, and one
representative of an oil or natural gas industry to be appointed by
the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

7. The Executive Director of the Department of Environmental
Quality, or designee; and

8. A representative of the Corporation Commission, designated
by the Chair of the Corporation Commission.

The Executive Director of the Department of Environmental
Quality and the representative appointed by the Corporation
Commission shall serve as co-chairs of the task force and call the
first meeting. The Department and the Commission shall provide
administrative support for the task force. The members by majority
approval shall determine a meeting schedule. Appointments shall be
made no later than July 1, 2008. Activities of the task force shall
terminate no later than December 1, 2008.

D. Legislators appointed to the task force shall receive travel
reimbursement in accordance with Section 456 of Title 74 of the
Oklahoma Statutes. Other appointed members shall be eligible for
travel reimbursement in accordance with the State Travel
Reimbursement Act to be paid by their appointing authority.

E. The task force may, as it deems appropriate, study any
aspect of the capture, recovery and geologic storage of carbon
dioxide and no later than December 1, 2008, shall submit a report of
its findings along with legislative recommendations approved by a
majority of the task force membership to the Governor, the President
Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of
Representatives.

SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby
declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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