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BEFORE THE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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CORPORATION COMMISSION  
OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE MATTER OF A PERMANENT  
RULEMAKING OF THE OKLAHOMA  
CORPORATION COMMISSION  
AMENDING OAC 165:5, RULES OF  
PRACTICE

CAUSE NO. RM 201700001

**ECONOMIC IMPACT AND ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFIT STATEMENT**

Pursuant to 27A O.S. §1-1-206 pertaining to the statement of the economic impact and environmental benefit of the proposed amendments to the Rules of Practice (OAC 165:5), the Oklahoma Corporation Commission submits the following:

**I. ECONOMIC IMPACT OF THE PROPOSED RULES:**

The proposed rules could have an economic impact on entities regulated by the Commission, but expenses associated with such requirements should be offset by benefits obtained from the updates, increased efficiency, streamlining and clarifications provided by such rules. Underground storage tank operators will benefit from the informal administrative review of applications to permanently close underground storage tanks in place, and entities regulated by the Commission and citizens will benefit from the proposed rule regarding telephonic and videoconferencing testimony which will facilitate participation in Commission hearings.

**II. ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFIT OF THE PROPOSED RULES:**

The proposed rules, in particular the amendments to OAC 165:5-1-26, OAC 165:5-1-27, OAC 165:5-1-28, OAC 165:5-1-29, and OAC 165:5-1-30 to provide for transmission by mail, facsimile or electronic mail of written acknowledgement of receipts of pollution complaints, referral of pollution complaints to agencies which have jurisdiction regarding such complaints, closure of pollution complaints, notice of pollution complaint resolution, and transmission of final judicial decisions regarding pollution complaints to the complainant, alleged violator and other relevant parties will have a positive effect on public health, safety and the environment.

**III. DATE OF PREPARATION OF ECONOMIC IMPACT AND ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFIT STATEMENT:**

This Economic Impact and Environmental Benefit Statement was prepared on February 8, 2017.

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