



Work-in-Progress

Oklahoma Corporation Commission Organizational Assessment

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BACKGROUND

In August 2017, Oklahoma Governor Mary Fallin signed an executive order establishing the Second Century Corporation Commission Task Force (SCCCTF), tasked to perform an organizational assessment of the Oklahoma Corporation Commission (OCC). The OCC's mission is to enforce laws, regulate, and supervise activities associated with the exploration and production of oil and gas, the storage of dispensing of petroleum-based fuels, the establishment of rates and services of public utilities, and the operation of intrastate transportation to best serve the economic needs of the public.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Office of the Secretary of Energy and Environment (OSEE) contracted with the National Academy of Public Administration (the Academy) to prepare this organizational assessment. The analysis will evaluate the OCC's stated mission given modern day agency functions; determine the appropriateness and necessity of current duties; and identify any major current functions that would be more appropriately performed by other agencies.

The assessment will examine issues such as:

- a. Organizational structure, including the make-up of the Commission and the impact of Oklahoma's Open Meeting Act requirements.
- b. Current workload levels, including the sufficiency of current staffing levels and alignment to mission, as well as the extent to which staff currently have the autonomy and accountability to perform their duties effectively and sufficient time to properly process workload and individual cases.
- c. Funding issues, including sufficiency of overall funding levels and mechanisms, as well as the identification of any funding gaps within individual programs that impair overall Commission performance.
- d. How other states manage comparable public utility and petroleum industry regulation.

The results of this study will determine how to best structure and resource the OCC to efficiently operate in the twenty-first century. A five-member Academy Panel of Fellows, working through a study team, will conduct the analysis over a one year period.

PANEL

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