TITLE 785. OKLAHOMA WATER RESOURCES BOARD
CHAPTER 5. FEES

RULEMAKING ACTION:
Notice of proposed PERMANENT rulemaking

PROPOSED RULES:
785:5-1-9. Dam safety and inspection fees [AMENDED]
785:5-1-11. Well driller and pump installer licensing fees [AMENDED]
785:5-1-14. Stream Water and Groundwater petition fees [AMENDED]

SUMMARY:
Staff proposes to recommend that the Oklahoma Water Resources Board (“Board”) amend
785:5-1-9 to increase the existing amounts for filing fees for two categories of applications to
construct, enlarge, alter, or repair dams based on an estimated cost of the project. The
circumstances creating the need for the proposed amendments include the need to general
additional revenues to maintain current level of effort to implement the program and process
applications in an efficient manner.

A recommendation is also proposed to amend 785:5-1-11 to creating a new fee associated
with the filing of an Intent to Drill for marginal water well construction. Marginal water well
construction was recently authorized by new statutory provisions and the agency intends to
review and process each Intent to Drill and supporting documentation within two business days.
The new fee will be based on the estimated staff time necessary to review and process documents
submitted in support of the Intent to Drill.

A recommendation is also proposed relating to applications to amend groundwater permits to
add fees based on the amount of additional water sought to be authorized under such amendment
applications. The circumstances creating the need for the proposed amendments include the
need to charge the same fees for applications to amend groundwater permits as are charged for
new groundwater permit applications which seek to use the same amount of water. Amendments
to groundwater permits which seek to add additional water require an identical amount of effort
by staff as new applications for new groundwater permits, and the additional revenue to ensure
uniform effort to implement the program and to continue to process amendment applications in
an efficient manner.

AUTHORITY:
Oklahoma Water Resources Board; 82 O.S. § 1085.2; 82 O.S. § 1085.4.

COMMENT PERIOD:
Persons wishing to present data, views, or arguments orally or in writing may do so to
Chrystal Krittenbrink at 3800 North Classen, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73118, or by email
to chrystal.krittenbrink@owrb.ok.gov. Comments must be received by the OWRB no later than
the close of the public hearing on January 15, 2019.

PUBLIC HEARING:
A public hearing will be held January 15, 2019 during the monthly meeting of the Board
which will begin at 9:30 A.M. in the Board Room of the OWRB’s offices located at 3800 North
Classen, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 73118.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS FROM BUSINESS ENTITIES:
The OWRB request that any business entities affected by these proposed rules provide
the Board, in dollar amounts if possible, the increase in the level of direct costs such as fees, and
indirect costs such as reporting, recordkeeping, equipment, construction, labor, professional services, revenue loss, or other costs expected to be incurred by a particular entity due to compliance with the proposed rules. Business entities may submit this information in writing to Chris Neel at 3800 North Classen, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma before the close of the comment period.

**COPIES OF PROPOSED RULES:**

Copies of the proposed amendments may be reviewed at the Board's office location at 3800 North Classen, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73118, or may be obtained from the "Contact Person" identified below upon prepayment of the copying charge. The proposed rules may also be viewed on the Board web site at [http://www.owrb.ok.gov](http://www.owrb.ok.gov).

**CONTACT PERSON:**

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