

66-1274. Same; injection of compressed air into storage wells; permits; requirements; rules and regulations. (a) Within 18 months after the effective date of this act, the commission shall establish rules and regulations establishing requirements, procedures and standards for the safe and secure injection of compressed air into storage wells, which shall include maintenance of underground storage of compressed air. Such rules and regulations shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) Site selection criteria;
- (2) design and development criteria;
- (3) operation criteria;
- (4) casing requirements;
- (5) monitoring and measurement requirements;
- (6) safety requirements, including public notification;
- (7) closure and abandonment requirements, including the financial requirements of subsection (d); and
- (8) long-term monitoring.

(b) The commission may adopt rules and regulations establishing fees for permitting, monitoring and inspecting operators of compressed air energy storage wells and underground storage. Fees collected by the commission under this section shall be remitted by the commission to the state treasurer in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto. Upon receipt of each such remittance, the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in the state treasury and credit it to the compressed air energy storage fund.

(c) The commission or the commission's duly authorized representative may impose on any holder of a permit issued pursuant to this section such requirements relating to inspecting, monitoring, investigating, recording and reporting as the commission or representative deems necessary to administer the provisions of this section and rules and regulations adopted hereunder.

(d) Any company or operator receiving a permit under the provisions of the compressed air energy storage act shall demonstrate annually to the commission evidence, satisfactory to the commission, that the permit holder has financial ability to cover the cost of closure of the permitted facility as required by the commission.

(e) The commission may enter into contracts for services from consultants and other experts for the purposes of assisting in the drafting of rules and regulations pursuant to this section.

(f) Rules and regulations adopted under the compressed air energy storage act shall apply to any compressed air energy storage well, whether in existence on the effective date of this act or thereafter.

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