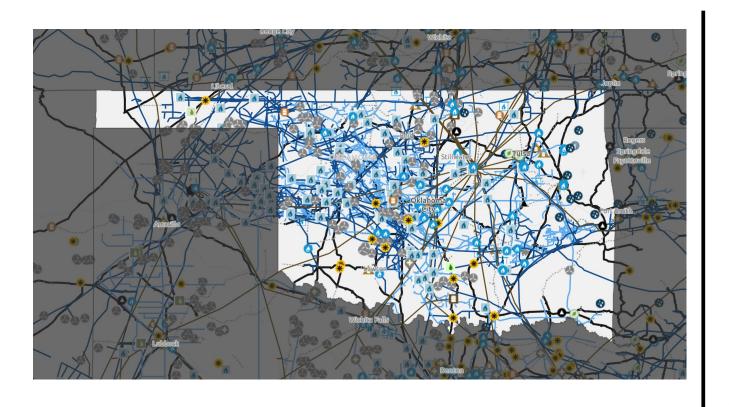
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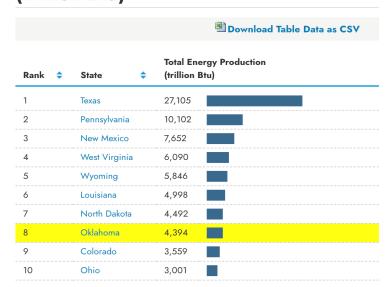


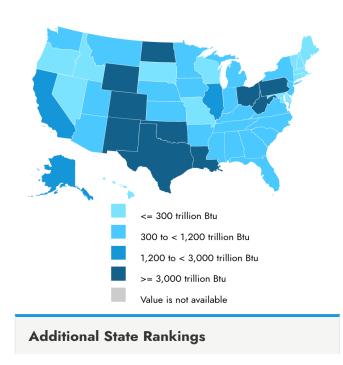
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- * Transmission (electric and pipeline)
- * Electric Generation/ Power Plants

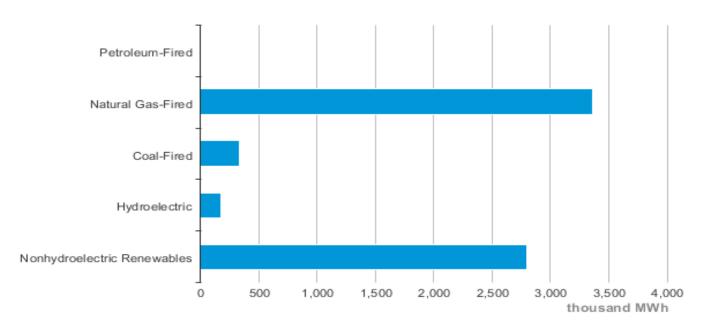
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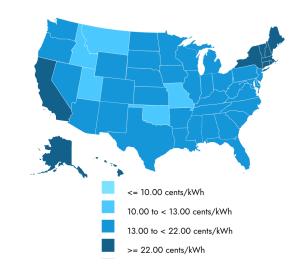


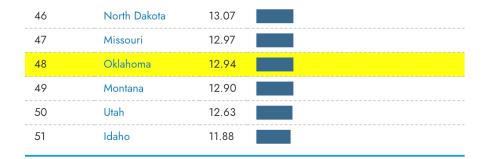


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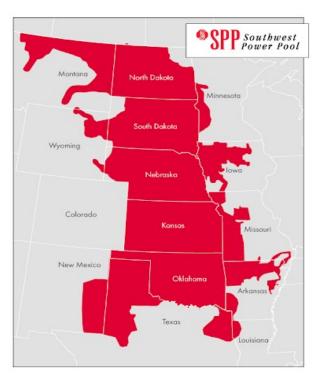
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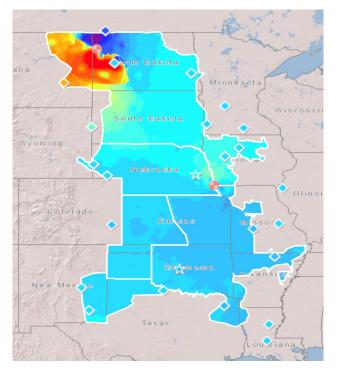
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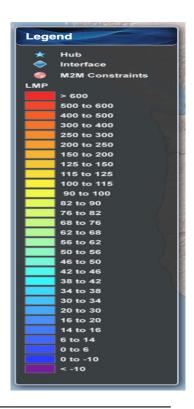




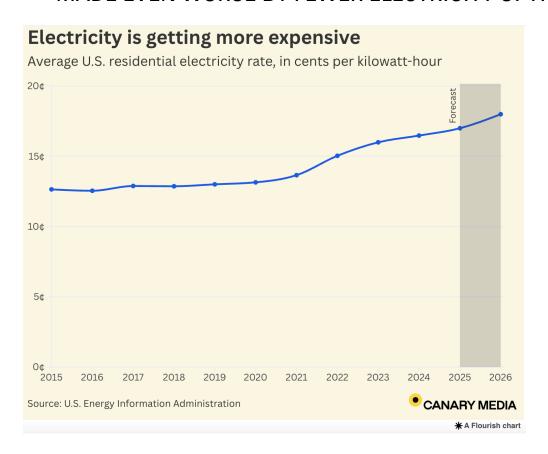
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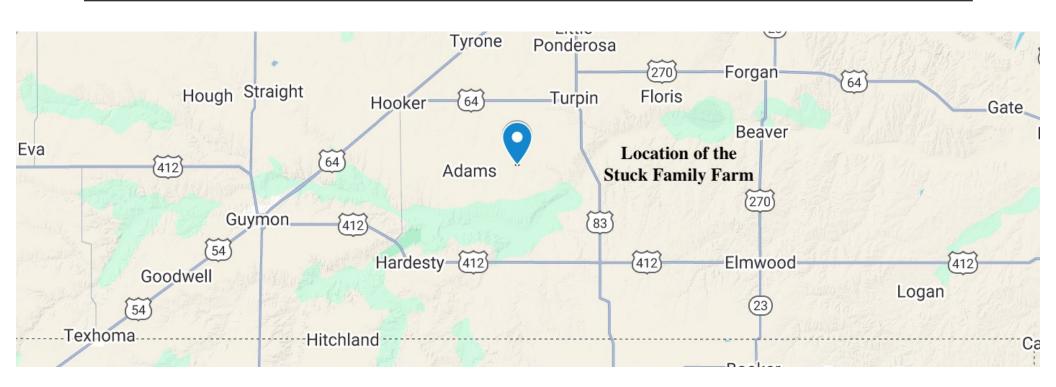
THE FUTURE IS LIKELY TO BE MORE EXPENSIVE FOR UTILITY CUSTOMERS; WOULD BE MADE EVEN WORSE BY FEWER ELECTRICITY OPTIONS



- Prohibitions on inexpensive energy sources like wind, solar, and BESS result in higher electricity costs
- Mandating energy to one half of the state will result in spikes in power costs because of transmission limitations
- Power Generation sources that have zero fuel cost are an important 'hedge' against commodity price fluctuations (e.g. Uri)

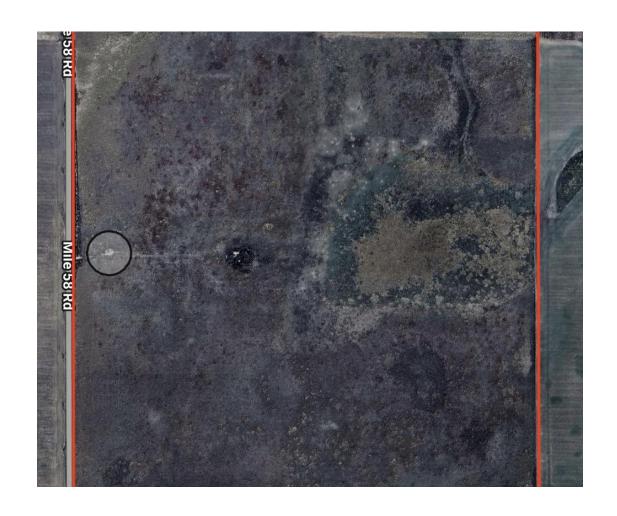
STUCK FAMILY FARM

 The blue pin shows the location of property in Texas County owned by the Stuck Family between 1914 and 2022. It was operated as "TK Farms" before being sold. This farm is used as a real-world example of how setbacks would affect a farm.



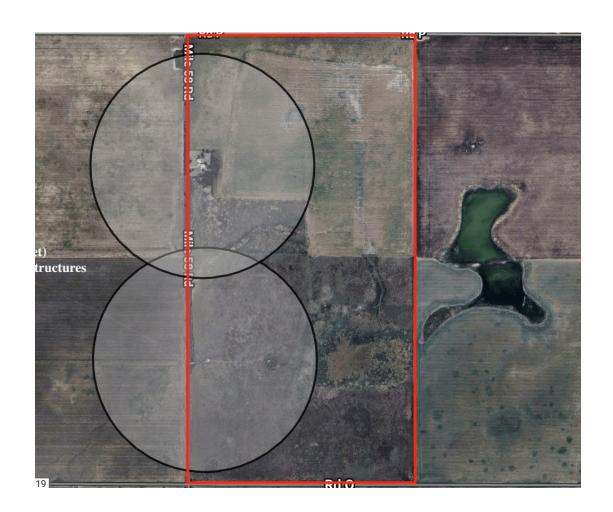
OIL AND GAS SETBACK

52 O.S. § 320.1 prohibits
 habitable structures from being
 built within 125 feet from an oil
 and gas wellbore or active well.
 This circle, located where the
 owners of TK Farms lived shows
 a 125-foot setback



1/4-MILE SETBACK

 A 1/4-mile setback from habitable structures would prohibit wind turbines in the western half of TK Farms and the eastern portion of the farmland to the west.



1/2-MILE SETBACK

 A 1/2-mile setback from habitable structures would prevent wind turbines throughout the farm and prevent turbines in the two quarter sections to the west.



1-MILE SETBACK

 Should a one-mile setback be imposed, the two owners inside the red rectangle could prohibit wind development within these two circles.





2 NAUTICAL MILE SETBACK

 HB1989 proposed a 2mile setback from any "habitat for migrant waterfowl." If the pond east of TK Farms qualified as such a habitat, no wind turbines could be built in this area.

1/2-MILE SETBACK FROM ALL STRUCTURES

 One proposal considered by the House was a half-mile setback from any habitable structure or any structure used by a business. If such a setback were imposed, no wind turbines could be built inside these circles.





TK CATTLE IN LINCOLN COUNTY (EAST OF I-35)

 Terry and Kathy Stuck operated a cattle ranch in Lincoln County north of Chandler: TK Cattle. If a half-mile setback from any "structure" (habitable or used for commercial purposes) were imposed, no wind turbine could be constructed in this area.

LEGAL ISSUES: PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS VS. GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS

Oklahoma State Constitution
Art. II, Sect. 24

"Private property shall not be taken or damaged for public use without just compensation."

