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2 HOUSE BILL NO. 738

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the Susitna River hydroelectric
7 project; and providing for an effective date."

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

9 * Section 1. AS 44.56 is amended by adding new sections to read:

10 ARTICLE 6. SUSITNA RIVER HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT.

11 Sec. 44.56.300. DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT. The Susitna River hydro-
12 electric project consists of two dams and related reservoirs, power
13 plants, transmission lines and facilities, and load centers as described
14 in the publication of the Alaska District United States Army Corps of
15 Engineers entitled "Plan of Study for Susitna Hydropower Feasibility
16 Analysis" prepared for the State of Alaska and dated June, 1978.

17 Sec. 44.56.310. PURPOSE OF PROJECT. The primary purpose of the
18 Susitna River hydroelectric project is to generate, transmit and dis-
19 tribute electric power to Homer, Seward and Fairbanks in a manner which
20 will

- 21 (1) minimize market area electrical power costs;
22 (2) minimize adverse environmental and social impacts while
23 enhancing environmental values to the extent possible; and
24 (3) safeguard both life and property.

25 Sec. 44.56.320. PRELIMINARY REPORT. (a) No later than January 30,
26 1981, the authority shall prepare and submit to the governor and to the
27 legislature a preliminary report which explains in detail

- 28 (1) the proposed phases for the construction of the Susitna
29 River hydroelectric project;

1 (2) the expected completion date of each phase of construc-
2 tion;

3 (3) the expected cost of each phase of construction;

4 (4) the federal and state permits required to be obtained
5 before construction can begin and the expected dates for obtaining the
6 permits; and

7 (5) any other information the authority considers appropriate
8 or necessary to adequately inform the governor and the legislature of
9 the current status of the Susitna River hydroelectric project.

10 (b) The preliminary report required under (a) of this section is
11 in addition to any reports required under AS 44.56.180 - 44.56.224.

12 (c) The authority may not enter into any contract under AS 44.-
13 56.300 - 44.56.350 until the legislature approves, by joint resolution,
14 the preliminary report required under (a) of this section.

15 Sec. 44.56.330. CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF
16 PROJECT. Within one year after approval of its preliminary report under
17 AS 44.56.320(c) the authority shall enter into a contract for the con-
18 struction of the Susitna River hydroelectric project in a manner con-
19 sistent with the purpose of the project as described in AS 44.56.310.

20 Sec. 44.56.340. ANNUAL REPORT. (a) Commencing in 1982 the
21 authority shall prepare an annual report which explains in detail

22 (1) the current status of construction on the Susitna River
23 hydroelectric project;

24 (2) the actual completion date of any phases of the Susitna
25 River hydroelectric project and the reasons for any deviation between
26 the actual completion date and the expected completion date stated in
27 the preliminary report required under AS 44.56.320;

28 (3) the actual cost of any phases of the Susitna River hydro-
29 electric project and the reasons for any deviation between the actual

1 cost and the expected cost stated in the preliminary report required
2 under AS 44.56.320;

3 (4) the actual dates on which the federal and state permits
4 necessary to begin construction on the Susitna River hydroelectric
5 project were obtained and the reasons for any deviation between the
6 actual dates and the expected dates stated in the preliminary report
7 required under AS 44.56.320;

8 (5) the federal and state permits required to be obtained in
9 order to continue construction and the expected dates for obtaining the
10 permits;

11 (6) the actual date of obtaining the permits described in (5)
12 of this subsection and the reasons for any deviation between the actual
13 date and the expected date included in previous annual reports required
14 under this subsection;

15 (7) any other information the authority considers appropriate
16 or necessary to adequately inform the governor and the legislature of
17 the current status of the Susitna River hydroelectric project.

18 (b) The annual report required under (a) of this section is in
19 addition to any reports required under AS 44.56.180 - 44.56.224 and
20 shall be submitted, not later than January 30 of each year, to the
21 governor and to each of the members of the legislature.

22 Sec. 44.56.350. PROJECT FINANCING. The Susitna River hydro-
23 electric project shall be financed by appropriations from the general
24 fund.

25 * Sec. 2. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.10.-
26 070(c).