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2 SENATE BILL NO. 294 am

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 dams and related reservoirs, power plants,
13 transmission lines and facilities, and load centers as described in the
14 publication of the Alaska District United States Army Corps of Engineers
15 entitled "Plan of Study for Susitna Hydropower Feasibility Analysis"
16 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 in a manner which will

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

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

- 27 (1) the proposed phases for the construction of the Susitna
28 River hydroelectric project;
29 (2) the expected completion date of each phase of construc-

1 tion;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

27 (3) the actual cost of any phases of the Susitna River hydro-
28 electric project and the reasons for any deviation between the actual
29 cost and the expected cost stated in the preliminary report required

1 under AS 44.56.320;

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

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

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

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

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

21 Sec. 44.56.350. PROJECT FINANCING. The Susitna River hydro-
22 electric project may be financed by appropriations from the general
23 fund, or other funding sources as approved by the legislature.

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