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1 IN THE SENATE

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2 HOUSE CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 294

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 recommending whether work should con-  
27 tinue on the Susitna River hydroelectric project, and, if the recommen-  
28 dation is to continue on the project, the report shall explain in detail

- 29 (1) economic evaluations and preliminary environmental impact

1 assessments for the Susitna River hydroelectric project and all viable  
2 alternatives;

3 (2) the federal and state permits required to be obtained  
4 before construction can begin and the expected construction start date;  
5 and

6 (3) 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) No later than April 30, 1982, the authority shall prepare and  
10 submit to the governor and to the legislature a preliminary report  
11 recommending whether work should continue on the Susitna River hydro-  
12 electric project, and, if the recommendation is to continue on the  
13 project, the report shall explain in detail

14 (1) the proposed conceptual design and phases of the Susitna  
15 River hydroelectric project;

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

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

19 (4) any other information the authority considers appropriate  
20 or necessary to adequately inform the governor and the legislature of  
21 the current status of the Susitna River hydroelectric project.

22 (c) The preliminary reports required under (a) and (b) of this  
23 section are in addition to any reports required under AS 44.56.180 -  
24 44.56.224.

25 (d) The authority may not enter into contracts under AS 44.56.300 -  
26 44.56.350 other than those contracts necessary to complete (1) feasibil-  
27 ity studies, (2) the reports required by this section, or (3) construc-  
28 tion of the Anchorage-Fairbanks intertie, until the legislature approves  
29 by law the preliminary report required under (b) of this section.

1           Sec. 44.56.330. CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF PROJECT.  
2           Within one year after approval of its preliminary report required under  
3           AS 44.56.320(b) the authority may enter into a contract for the con-  
4           struction of the Susitna River hydroelectric project in a manner con-  
5           sistent with the purpose of the project as described in AS 44.56.310.

6           Sec. 44.56.340. ANNUAL REPORT. (a) Beginning in 1983 the author-  
7           ity shall prepare an annual report which explains in detail

8                     (1) the current status of construction on the Susitna River  
9           hydroelectric project;

10                    (2) the actual completion date of any phases of the Susitna  
11           River hydroelectric project and the reasons for any deviation between  
12           the actual completion date and the expected completion date stated in  
13           the preliminary report required under AS 44.56.320(b);

14                    (3) the actual cost of any phases of the Susitna River hydro-  
15           electric project and the reasons for any deviation between the actual  
16           cost and the expected cost stated in the preliminary report required  
17           under AS 44.56.320(b);

18                    (4) the federal and state permits necessary to begin or  
19           continue construction, the actual dates on which the federal and state  
20           permits necessary to begin or continue construction on the Susitna River  
21           hydroelectric project were obtained, and the reasons for any deviation  
22           between the actual dates and the expected dates stated in the preliminary  
23           report required under AS 44.56.320(a) or in the previous annual reports  
24           required under this section;

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

28                    (b) The annual report required under (a) of this section is in  
29           addition to any reports required under AS 44.56.180 - 44.56.224 and

1 shall be submitted, not later than March 30 of each year, to the governor  
2 and to each of the members of the legislature.

3 Sec. 44.56.350. PROJECT FINANCING. The Susitna River hydroelectric  
4 project may be financed by appropriations from the general fund, or  
5 other funding sources as approved by the legislature.

6 \* Sec. 2. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.10.-  
7 070(c).

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