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2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 35

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to exemption of Alaska
6 hydroelectric projects from the
7 licensing authority of the federal
8 Energy Regulatory Commission.

9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

10 WHEREAS, although Alaska is blessed with half of the undeveloped hydro-
11 electric potential of the United States, the state is presently dependent on
12 petroleum products and natural gas for 92 percent of its energy needs; and

13 WHEREAS expedited development of renewable energy hydroelectric projects
14 will conserve oil and gas, decreasing the nation's dependence on imported
15 fuels; and

16 WHEREAS two percent of the potential hydroelectric power that Alaska
17 could produce would meet all of the state's electrical energy needs; and

18 WHEREAS Alaska's electrical power systems are not connected with the
19 electrical power systems of any other state or country; and

20 WHEREAS hydroelectric projects under consideration are fully contained
21 in Alaska and would not affect any other state or country; and

22 WHEREAS Alaska has the ability and willingness to fully coordinate the
23 development of hydroelectric projects with appropriate federal agencies; and

24 WHEREAS Alaska will take sole responsibility for financing and develop-
25 ing the hydroelectric projects needed to produce electricity for the state;

26 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that hydroelectric
27 projects located in Alaska should be regulated by the state and should be
28 exempted from the licensing authority of the federal Energy Regulatory
29 Commission.

RESOLUTION
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1 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable James B.
2 Edwards, Secretary of the Department of Energy; the Honorable James G. Watt,
3 Secretary of the Department of the Interior; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens
4 and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don
5 Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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