

**CHUGACH ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
**Anchorage, Alaska**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING**  
**AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

**February 18, 2008**

**ACTION REQUIRED**

**AGENDA ITEM NO. X.G.**

       Information Only  
  X   Motion  
  X   Resolution  
       Executive Session  
       Other

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**TOPIC**

House Bill 336 – Resolution Supporting the Study of a Susitna Hydro Electric Project

**DISCUSSION**

The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is introducing House Bill 336 to amend the current law by adding a new section to read as follows:

Hydroelectric Power Study. The Alaska Energy Authority, in consultation with the Railbelt electric utilities, shall conduct a study of and prepare a proposal for a hydroelectric power project on the Susitna river appropriately sized for the Railbelt area. In conducting the study, the authority shall review prior studies and data regarding hydroelectric power projects in the area. The authority shall present an interim report to the legislature not later than February 15, 2009. If, at any point in the work process before the interim report is due, the authority finds that the project is nonviable, work shall be halted, and a report with those findings shall be immediately submitted to the legislature. Unless the authority finds, before the interim report is due, that the project is nonviable, the authority shall present its complete finding and a proposal for a hydroelectric power project, including the estimated costs of the project, to the legislature not later than June 30, 2010.

**MOTION**

Move that the Board of Directors hereby support the effort to conduct the study of Susitna Hydro Electric project.

**RESOLUTION**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO SUPPORT  
THE STUDY OF A SUSITNA HYDRO ELECTRIC PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Chugach Electric Association, Inc. (Chugach) Board recognizes that renewable energy plays an important role in Alaska's energy supply; and

WHEREAS, the Railbelt relies heavily on fossil fuel, which is subject to high and volatile pricing; and

WHEREAS, Chugach relies on Cook Inlet Gas for 90% of its electric production and known Cook Inlet Gas reserves are inadequate for future supplies; and

WHEREAS, the electric production from hydro electric projects emit no CO2; and

WHEREAS, the Susitna Hydro Project was studied extensively in the 1970s and substantial progress was made on the project; and

WHEREAS, the size and financing of the project need to be determined.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of Chugach Electric Association, Inc. hereby supports efforts to further advance the Susitna Hydro Electric Project.

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Alex Gimarc do hereby certify that I am the Secretary of Chugach Electric Association, Inc., an electric non-profit cooperative membership corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Alaska: that the foregoing is a complete and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a meeting of the Board of Directors of this corporation, duly and properly called and held on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2008; that a quorum was present at the meeting; that the resolution is set forth in the minutes of the meeting and has not been rescinded or modified.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of this corporation the 18<sup>th</sup> day of February 20\_08.

(Seal)

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Secretary

**CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 336(RES)**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

**BY THE HOUSE RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**Offered:**

**Referred:**

**Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES JOHNSON, Harris, Ramras, Kelly**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act directing the Alaska Energy Authority to conduct a study of and to prepare a**  
2 **proposal for an appropriately sized Susitna River hydroelectric power project; and**  
3 **providing for an effective date."**

4 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

5 **\* Section 1.** The uncoded law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section  
6 to read:

7 HYDROELECTRIC POWER STUDY. The Alaska Energy Authority, in consultation  
8 with the Railbelt electric utilities, shall conduct a study of and prepare a proposal for a  
9 hydroelectric power project on the Susitna River appropriately sized for the Railbelt area. In  
10 conducting the study, the authority shall review prior studies and data regarding hydroelectric  
11 power projects in the area. The authority shall present an interim report to the legislature not  
12 later than February 15, 2009. If, at any point in the work process before the interim report is  
13 due, the authority finds that the project is nonviable, work shall be halted, and a report with  
14 those findings shall be immediately submitted to the legislature. Unless the authority finds,

1 before the interim report is due, that the project is nonviable, the authority shall present its  
2 complete findings and a proposal for a hydroelectric power project, including the estimated  
3 costs of the project, to the legislature not later than June 30, 2010.

4 \* **Sec. 2.** This Act is repealed June 30, 2010.

5 \* **Sec. 3.** This Act takes effect July 1, 2008.