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Susitna Hydroelectric Project  
A Historic and Policy Perspective

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Abstract

The presentation will include a brief history of past studies. Those studies assessed a number of possible developments within the Susitna Basin, including over 20 potential dam sites along the Susitna River. The proposed development of dams at the Watana and Devil Canyon sites will be discussed. The progress of the environmental studies over the past four years, development of previous studies, and the current FY85 Study Plan will be reviewed. In addition to the historic perspective, a brief description of the Power Authority's ongoing settlement process will be presented. This will include a discussion of the workshops, issue papers, and the Instream Flow Relationships Reports (IFRR) which are a part of this year's FY85 Study Plan.

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## ALASKA POWER AUTHORITY

### PURPOSE

PROMOTE, DEVELOP, AND ADVANCE THE GENERAL PROSPERITY AND ECONOMIC WELFARE OF THE PEOPLE OF ALASKA BY PROVIDING A MEANS OF CONSTRUCTING, ACQUIRING, FINANCING AND OPERATING HYDROELECTRIC AND FOSSIL FUEL GENERATING PROJECTS.

- ~ FINANCING
- ~ FEASIBILITY STUDY FUNDING
- ~ DEVELOP, OWN AND LEASE
- ~ DEVELOP, OWN, OPERATE AND WHOLESALE

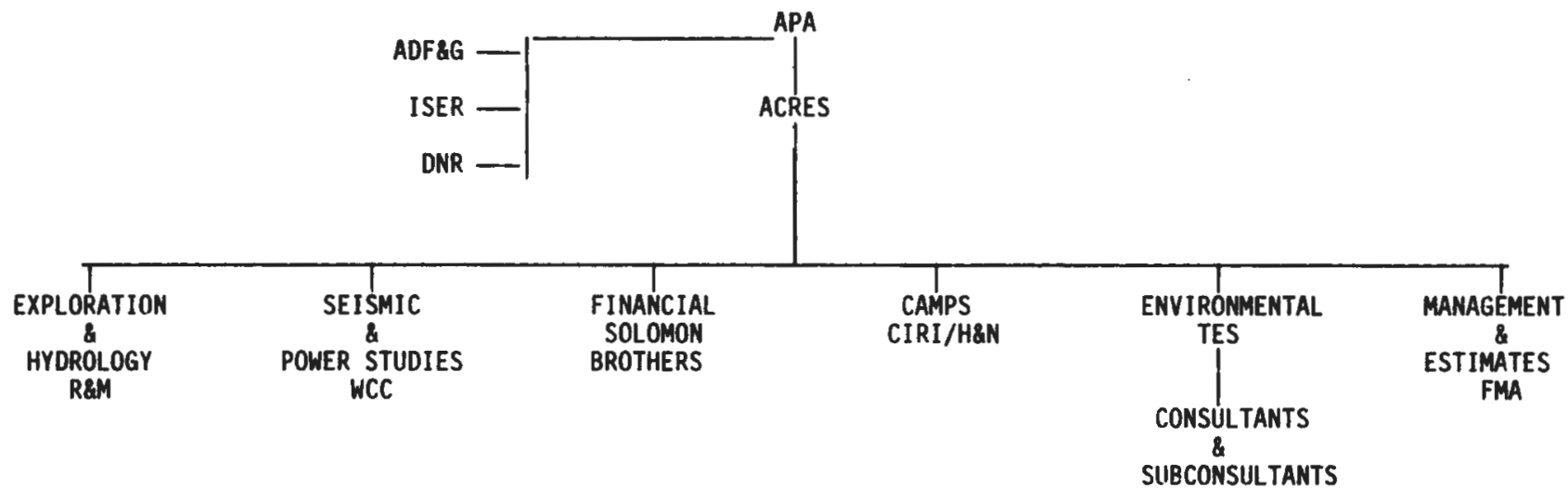
## PREVIOUS STUDIES

- ~ COE 1979
- ~ COE 1975
- ~ KAISER 1974
- ~ AP ADMINISTRATION 1974
- ~ WPRS (USBR) 1960
- ~ WPRS (USBR) 1953

**SUSITNA PLAN OF**

**STUDY**

**STATUS REPORT**



## TASKS

- 1 POWER STUDIES
- 2 SURVEYS & CAMPS
- 3 HYDROLOGY
- 4 SEISMIC STUDIES
- 5 GEOTECHNICAL EXPLORATION
- 6 DESIGN DEVELOPMENT
- 7 ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES
- 8 TRANSMISSION
- 9 COSTS & SCHEDULES
- 10 LICENSING
- 11 MARKETING & FINANCE
- 12 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
- 13 ADMINISTRATION

## HYDROLOGY

- ~ DATA ACQUISITION
- ~ WATER RESOURCES
- ~ FLOODS
- ~ HYDRAULIC & ICE
- ~ SEDIMENT
- ~ CLIMATE
- ~ ACCESS ROADS

## LICENSING

- ~ NEW REGULATIONS
- ~ DATA ACQUISITION
- ~ EXHIBITS
- ~ APPLICATION FORM
- ~ REVIEW
- ~ FILING

## ENVIRONMENTAL

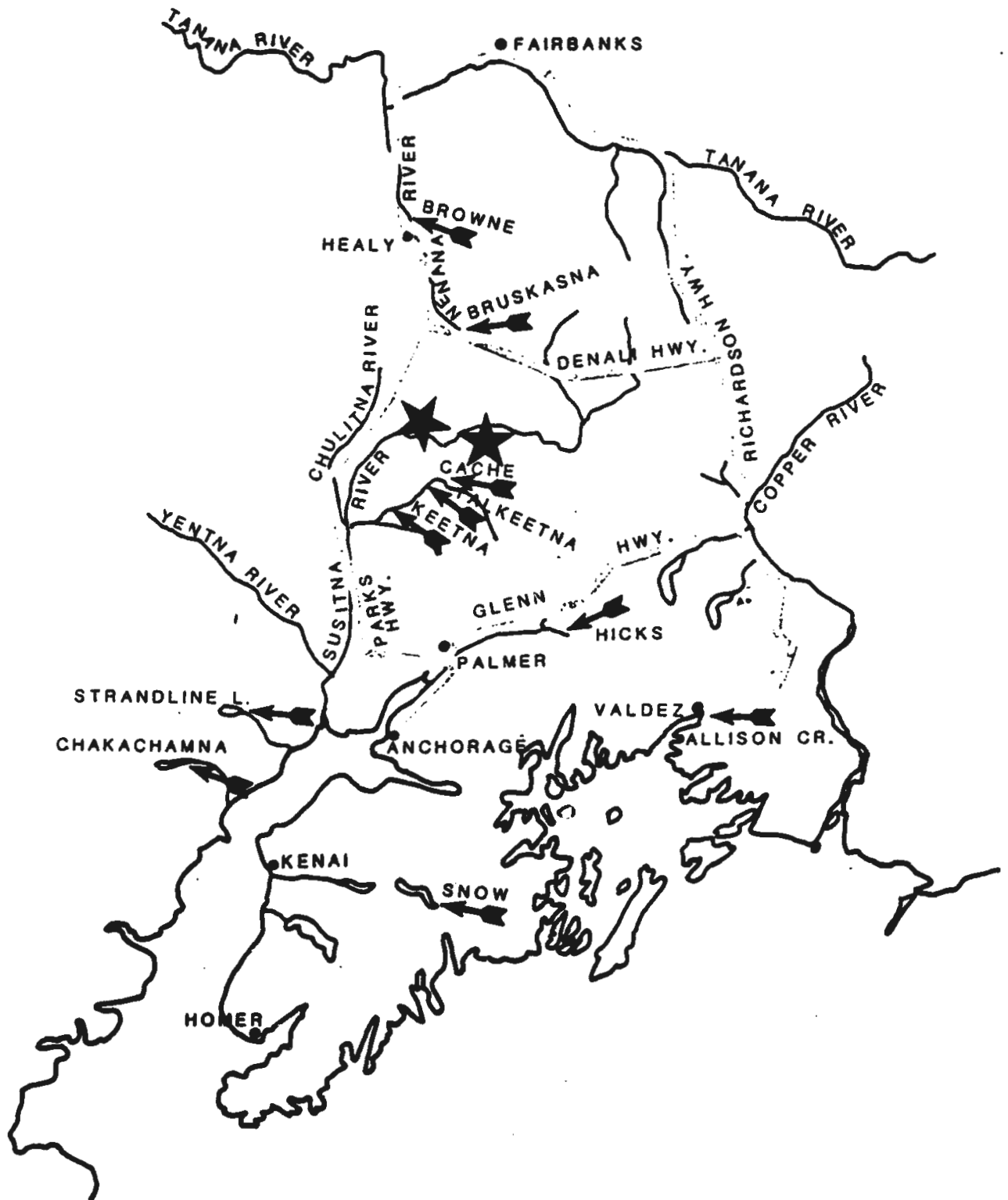
- ~ FIELD ACTIVITIES
- ~ ALTERNATIVES
- ~ WATER QUALITY
- ~ SOCIO ECONOMICS
- ~ CULTURAL RESOURCES
- ~ LAND USE
- ~ RECREATION
- ~ FISH & WILDLIFE
- ~ VEGETATION
- ~ LICENSING

# SELECTED ALTERNATIVE HYDROELECTRIC SITES

## SELECTION CRITERIA

- ~ ENERGY CONTRIBUTION
- ~ DEPENDABILITY
- ~ ECONOMICS
- ~ RESOURCES CONSERVATION
- ~ SEISMIC CONSEQUENCES
- ~ GEOTECHNICAL UNKNOWNNS
- ~ ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

# SELECTED ALTERNATIVE HYDROELECTRIC SITES



# TEN SELECTED SITES

SITE	RIVER	CAPACITY (MW)	COST (MILLIONS)
SNOW	SNOW	50	255
BRUSKASNA	NENANA	30	238
KEETNA	TALKEETNA	100	477
CACHE	TALKEETNA	50	564
BROWNE	NENANA	100	625
TALKEETNA 2	TALKEETNA	50	500
HICKS	MATANUSKA	60	529
CHAKACHAMNA	CHAKACHAMNA	330	1,480
ALLISON	ALLISON CREEK	8	54
STRANDLINE LAKE	BELUGA	20	126

## POTENTIAL DAM SITES

- ~ DEVIL CANYON
- ~ HIGH DEVIL CANYON (SUSITNA I)
- ~ WATANA
- ~ SUSITNA III
- ~ VEE
- ~ MAC LAREN
- ~ DENALI

# PROJECT HISTORY

- **POWER AUTHORITY ASSUMED PROJECT** **1979**
- **FEASIBILITY STUDY STARTED** **1980**
- **FEASIBILITY STUDY COMPLETED** **1982**
- **FERC LICENSE FILED** **FEB 1983**
- **REVISED LICENSE INFORMATION FILED** **JUL 1983**
- **LICENSE APPLICATION ACCEPTED** **JUL 1983**
- **STARTED SETTLEMENT PROCESS** **NOV 1983**
- **AGENCY COMMENTS RECEIVED** **DEC 1983**
- **POWER AUTHORITY RESPONSE TO COMMENTS FILED** **JAN-FEB 1984**

**SUSITNA  
HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT**

**FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION  
PROJECT No. 7114**

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AQUATIC PLAN OF STUDY  
FISCAL YEAR 1985**

**HARZA-EBASCO  
SUSITNA JOINT VENTURE**

**DRAFT REPORT**

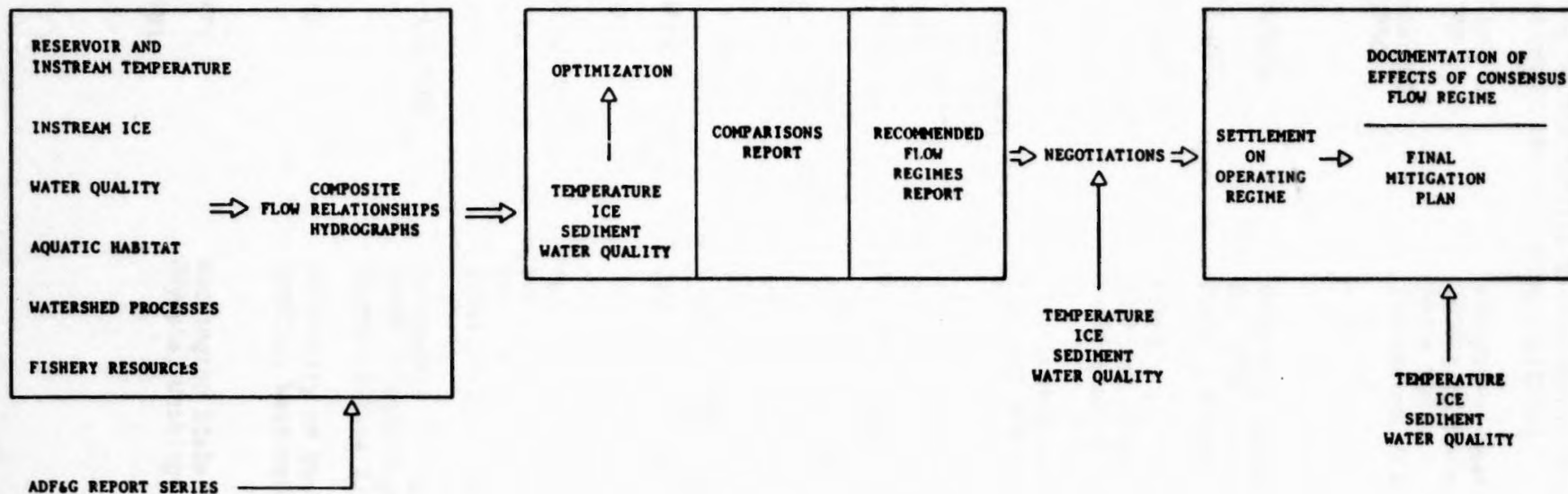
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**ALASKA POWER AUTHORITY**

**INSTREAM FLOW RELATIONSHIPS  
REPORT SERIES**

**COMPARISONS PROCESS**

**FINAL SETTLEMENT**



Final reports relating to the Susitna Hydroelectric Project are available for inspection at the following locations:

Alaska Power Authority  
Susitna Project Office  
515 D. Street,  
Hoblitt Building, Suite 200  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

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1050 17th Street, N.W.  
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## SUSITNA SETTLEMENT PROCESS

- ~ START-OFF MEETINGS
- ~ ISSUES LIST DISTRIBUTED
- ~ BRIEFING ON ISSUES LIST
- ~ WORKSHOPS IMPLEMENTED
- ~ MONTHLY SETTLEMENT UPDATE NEWSLETTER

## SETTLEMENT PROCESS

- ~ DESCRIPTION OF INTENDED DEVELOPMENT
- ~ IDENTIFICATION & QUANTIFICATION OF IMPACTS
- ~ DEVELOPMENT OF PLANS TO AVOID OR MITIGATE IMPACTS
- ~ NEGOTIATIONS WITH AGENCIES TO AGREE ON ACCEPTABLE  
AVOIDANCE/MITIGATION PLANS

## PROCESS DETAILS

- ~ IDENTIFY ISSUES
- ~ DEVELOP POSITIONS
- ~ ISSUE POSITION PAPERS
- ~ HOLD WORKSHOPS
- ~ HOLD AGENCY MEETINGS
- ~ DRAFT MEMORANDA OF AGREEMENT
- ~ NEGOTIATE MEMORANDA OF AGREEMENT
- ~ PERMITS & FERC LICENSE CONDITIONS

## MAJOR ISSUE CATEGORIES

### AQUATIC

- ~ ALTERED FLOW REGIME
- ~ ALTERED WATER QUALITY
- ~ ICE PROCESS/CHANNEL MORPHOLOGY
- ~ IMPOUNDMENT IMPACTS