

# Seattle City Light 2006 Windstorm Damage Digital Photograph Collection, 2006

## Overview of the Collection

<b>Creator</b>	Seattle City Light
<b>Title</b>	Seattle City Light 2006 Windstorm Damage Digital Photograph Collection
<b>Dates</b>	2006 (inclusive)
<b>Quantity</b>	112 digital image files
<b>Summary</b>	Also known as the Hannukkah Eve Windstorm, this weather event caused wide-spread power outages and significant damage throughout the City of Seattle and the surrounding areas.
<b>Repository</b>	<a href="#">Seattle Municipal Archives</a> Seattle Municipal Archives Office of the City Clerk City of Seattle PO Box 94728 98124-4728 Seattle, WA Telephone: 206-233-7807 Fax: 206-386-9025 <a href="mailto:archives@seattle.gov">archives@seattle.gov</a>
<b>Languages</b>	English

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## Historical Note

City Light provides electricity, electrical, and conservation services to its public and private customers. It is the largest public utility in the Pacific Northwest. Public responsibility for electrical energy dates to 1890 with creation of the Department of Lighting and Water Works. In 1902, Seattle voters passed a bond issue to develop hydroelectric power on the Cedar River under the administration of the Water Department. Electricity from this development began to serve Seattle in 1905. A City Charter amendment in 1910 created the Lighting Department. Under the leadership of Superintendent James D. Ross, the department developed the Skagit River hydroelectric project which began supplying power in 1924. Both public and private power was supplied to Seattle until 1951 when the City purchased the private electrical power supply operations, making the Lighting Department the sole supplier. The Boundary Project in northeastern Washington began operations in 1967 and supplied over half of City Light's power generation. By the early 21st century, approximately ten percent of City Light's income came from the sale of surplus energy to customers in the Northwest and Southwest with the remainder of City Light's financial support coming from customer revenue. The current name of the agency was adopted in 1978 when the Department was reorganized.

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document Seattle City Light's response to the emergency and depict the extent of the damage to private and public property. Images can be viewed on our digital platform. [View 1204-16 online](#)

## Use of the Collection

### Preferred Citation

[Item number.], City Light 2006 Windstorm Damage Digital Photographs, Record Series 1204-16. Seattle Municipal Archives.

## Administrative Information

### Location of Originals

Seattle Municipal Archives Photograph Index

### Acquisition Information

Photographs acquired through the Seattle Municipal Archives Digital Image Management Program.

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## Names and Subjects

#### **Subject Terms :**

Electric power--Washington (State)--Seattle  
Storms--Washington (State)--Seattle  
Transmission Lines--Washington (State)--Seattle  
Weather--Washington (State)--Seattle

#### **Corporate Names :**

Seattle (Wash.) Dept of Lighting  
Seattle City Light

#### **Geographical Names :**

Seattle (Wash.)

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