

Seattle City Light Creston Coal Plant Project Records, 1980-1984

Overview of the Collection

Creator	Seattle City Light
Title	Seattle City Light Creston Coal Plant Project Records
Dates	1980-1984 (inclusive) 1980 1984
Quantity	2.2 cubic feet, (3 boxes)
Collection Number	1206-10
Summary	Planning records for a coal plant in Creston, Washington
Repository	Seattle Municipal Archives 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 archives@seattle.gov
Access Restrictions	Records are open to the public.
Languages	English
Sponsor	Funding for processing this record series was provided through a grant from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission.

Historical Note

City Light provides electricity and 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.

Content Description

Planning records of the Power Manager of City Light concerning a coal-fueled power plant Washington Water Power Company proposed to build at Creston, Washington. City Light and other utilities were invited to purchase a share of the electricity generated by the plant, but the plant was never built. Records include correspondence, draft agreements, economic analysis, financial records and reports. Also included are minutes, and other material of the Creston Steering Committee and the Creston Citizens' Advisory Committee.

Use of the Collection

Preferred Citation

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Administrative Information

Detailed Description of the Collection

The following section contains a detailed listing of the materials in the collection.

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Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
1/1	Creston Steam Plant	1980
1/2	Creston Steam Plant	1980
1/3	Creston Steam Plant, Alternatives and Environmental Analysis	1980
1/4	Creston Project Correspondence	1981
1/5	Creston Project Chronology	undated
1/6	Creston Project	1981-1982
1/7	Creston Project	1981-1982

Container(s)	Description	Dates
1/8	Creston Project	1981
1/9	Creston Project	1982
1/10	Creston Project, Feb - May	1981-1982
1/11	Creston Project Notebook	1982
1/12	Creston Project Notebook	1982-1983
1/13	Creston Project Notebook	1982-1983
1/14	Creston Steam Plant April - May	1981
1/15	Creston Steam Plant Feb - April	1981
1/16	Creston Steam Plant Jan - Feb	1981
1/17	Creston General Station - General Information	1980-1983
1/18	Alternative Report	1981-1982
1/19	Creston Coal Plant, the 1983 Option Decision	1983
1/20	Economic Data	1983
1/21	Economics	1980-1981
1/22	Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council	1980-1983
1/23	Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council Findings	1982
1/24	Environmental Protection Agency Preliminary Determination	1982
1/25	Environmental Protection Agency PSD Permit	1983
2/1	Financial	1982-1983
2/2	Financial	1982-1984
2/3	Gibson / Yapp Reports	1981

Container(s)	Description	Dates
2/4	Licensing Capital Cost, Cash Flow, Budget and Billings	1982-1983
2/5	Licensing Capital Cost, Cash Flow, Budget and Billings	1981-1982
2/6	230 Megawatts Alternatives	1981-1982
2/7	Office of Management and Budget Correspondence	1982
2/8	Ordinances and Resolutions	1981-1982
2/9	Reports	1981-1983
2/10	Reports - Owner's Monthly	1981-1982
2/11	Reports - Progress	1981-1983
2/12	Tongue River Valley	1980
2/13	Washington Water Company Correspondence	1981
2/14	Coal Agreement	1981-1982
2/15	Letter Option Agreement	1983
2/16	Letter Option Agreement	1981-1983
2/17	Other Agreements	1981-1983
2/18	Ownership and Operation Agreement	1981
2/19	Ownership and Operation Agreement	1981
2/20	Ownership and Operation Agreement	1982
2/21	Ownership and Operation Agreement	1982
2/22	Site Certification Agreement	1983
2/23	Transmission Agreement	1980-1981
2/24	Creston Citizens' Advisory Committee	1980

Container(s)	Description	Dates
2/25	Creston Citizens' Advisory Committee	1981
3/1	Creston Citizens' Advisory Committee	1981
3/2	Creston Citizens' Advisory Committee	1982-1983
3/3	Creston Steering Committee	1981-1982

Names and Subjects

Subject Terms :

Coal-fired power plants--Washington (State)

Electric power--Washington--Seattle

Electric utilities--Washington--Seattle

Corporate Names :

Seattle City Light

Washington (State). Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council

Washington Water Power Company

Geographical Names :

Creston (Wash.)

Seattle (Wash.)

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