

# Seattle City Light Video Program Records, 1977-1995

## Overview of the Collection

<b>Creator</b>	Seattle City Light
<b>Title</b>	Seattle City Light Video Program Records
<b>Dates</b>	1977-1995 (inclusive) 1977 1995 1982-1984 (bulk) 1982 1984
<b>Quantity</b>	2.2 cubic feet, (6 boxes)
<b>Collection Number</b>	1201-13
<b>Summary</b>	Video and slide show production files
<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>Access Restrictions</b>	Records are open to the public.
<b>Languages</b>	English
<b>Sponsor</b>	Funding for processing this record series was provided through a grant from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission.

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## 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

Subject files and production files concerning employee training, public service and promotional slide shows and videos. Files include scripts, directions, memos and consent forms. Video topics include a biomass project, asbestos, home weatherization and new employee orientation.

## Use of the Collection

### Preferred Citation

[Item and date], Seattle City Light Video Program Records , Record Series 1201-13. Box [number], Folder [number]. Seattle Municipal Archives.

## Administrative Information

### Arrangement

Arranged into two series: administrative files and production files. Production files are arranged chronologically.

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## Detailed Description of the Collection

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

### Administrative Files, 1977-1986

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
1/1	Music Licensing	1983-1984
1/2	Positions	1977-1978
1/3	Productions	1984
1/4	Program Plans and Performance Measures	1985
1/5	Quarterly Reports	1977

Container(s)	Description	Dates
1/6	Workload Forecasts	1978-1980
1/7	Workload Forecasting	1983
1/8	Workload Forecasting	1984
1/9	Workload Forecasting	1985-1986

## Production Files, 1978-1995

Container(s)	Description	Dates
<b>Box/Folder</b>		
1/10	Electricity For Non-Electricians	1978-1979
1/11	Clerical Upward Mobility	1980
1/12	New Employee Orientation	1980
1/13	New Employee Orientation	1980
1/14	Pole Top Rescue	1980
1/15	Current Diversion	1980
1/16	Videotape Program Program	1980
1/17	Mary Jo's Energy Slide Show	1981
1/18	Safety Programs	1981
1/19	New Employee Orientation	1981
1/20	Production Requests	1982
2/1	Creston - Nelson Substation	1981
2/2	Line Sectionalizers	1982
2/3	Introduction To Lineworkers	1983

<b>Container(s)</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Dates</b>
2/4	Evacuation Rescue	1982
2/5	How To Weatherstrip	1982
2/6	The Caulking Affair	1982
2/7	The Truth About Storm Windows	1982
2/8	The Truth About Storm Windows Photographs	1982
2/9	Rate Increase	1982
2/10	Kingdome Switchgear	1982
3/1	Invasion of the Power Grubbers	1982
3/2	Energy Zoo	1982
3/3	Alternative Resources and Conservation Slide Show	1982-1983
3/4	Biomass Consent Form	1982
3/5	Biomass Correspondence / Memos	1981-1983
3/6	Biomass Interview List	undated
3/7	Biomass Early Writing	1982
3/8	Biomass Scripts	1982
3/9	Biomass Scripts	undated
3/10	Biomass Scripts	1982
3/11	Biomass Shoot Reports	1982
3/12	Biomass	1982
4/1	Biomass Script Approvals	1982
4/2	Biomass Distribution	1983

<b>Container(s)</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Dates</b>
4/3	Biomass Marketing	1983
4/4	Biomass Interview Transcripts	undated
4/5	Biomass Interview Transcripts	undated
4/6	Biomass Production Notes and Schedule	undated
4/7	Skagit Story	1982
4/8	Conservation and Solar Slide Show	1983
4/9	Home Energy Check Slide Show	1983
4/10	Home Energy Check Slide Show	1983
4/11	Home Energy Check Slide Show	1983
5/1	Not too Young To Volt	1983
5/2	New Employee Orientation Slide Show Update	1983
5/3	Weatherization How To, Revision	1983
5/4	Apprenticeship Program Promo	1984
5/5	Apprenticeship - There's A Future In It!!	-
5/6	Kingdome Switchgear Videotape	1984
5/7	Moore Power Monitor System	1984
5/8	Moore Power Monitor System	1985
5/9	Moore Power Monitor System	undated
5/10	Moore Power Monitor System	1984
5/11	Employee News Show	1983-1984
5/12	Human Resources Customer Relations Training Introduction	1984

Container(s)	Description	Dates
5/13	Brown Rapper - Mayor Royer	1984
5/14	Highline 230 KV Lines	1984
5/15	Broad Street Heat Recovery	1984
5/16	SF6 Circuit Breakers Presentation	1984
5/17	Brown Rapper - John Saven	1984
5/18	Transfer Bus - Magnolia Videotape	1984
5/19	Mobile Generator	1984
6/1	Joint Committee For Safety	1984
6/2	Asbestos Training	1984
6/3	Weatherization Outreach Audio Tape	1984
6/4	Production Requests	1983
6/5	Production Assistance Requests	1984
6/6	Audio And Tape Recording Consent and Release Authorization	1984
6/7	Asbestos	1985
6/8	Scripts - NTV	1994-1995

## Names and Subjects

### Subject Terms :

Apprenticeship programs--Washington--Seattle  
 Electric power Conservation--Washington--Seattle  
 Employees Training of--Washington--Seattle  
 Forest biomass--Washington (State)  
 Power resources Research--Washington--Seattle

### Corporate Names :

Seattle City Light

### Geographical Names :

Seattle (Wash.)

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