

# Seattle City Light Skagit Railway Reports, 1926-1943

## Overview of the Collection

<b>Creator</b>	Seattle City Light
<b>Title</b>	Seattle City Light Skagit Railway Reports
<b>Dates</b>	1926-1943 (inclusive) 1926 1943
<b>Quantity</b>	.4 cubic foot, (1 box)
<b>Collection Number</b>	1208-06
<b>Summary</b>	Financial records of the Skagit Railway
<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

Reports on the finances of the Skagit Railway, showing revenues, expenditures and redistributions. Also included are inventories of the contents of the Gorge warehouse, with valuations.

## Use of the Collection

### Preferred Citation

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## Administrative Information

### Arrangement

Arranged chronologically.

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## Detailed Description of the Collection

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

### 1208-06: Skagit Railway Reports, 1926-1943

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
1/1	Railroad Reports of Combined Years	1926-1943
1/2	Railroad Reports	1926
1/3	Railroad Reports	1927
1/4	Railroad Reports	1928
1/5	Railroad Reports	1929
1/6	Railroad Reports	1930
1/7	Railroad Reports	1931

Container(s)	Description	Dates
1/8	Railroad Reports	1932
1/9	Railroad Reports	1933
1/10	Railroad Reports	1934
1/11	Railroad Reports	1935
1/12	Railroad Reports	1936
1/13	Railroad Reports	1937
1/14	Railroad Reports	1938
1/15	Railroad Reports	1939
1/16	Railroad Reports	1940
1/17	Railroad Reports	1941
1/18	Inventory of Skagit Warehouse	1927
1/19	Inventory of Skagit Warehouse	1930
1/20	Gorge Inventory	1937
1/20	Warehouse Inventories	undated

## Names and Subjects

### Subject Terms :

Mountain railroads--Washington--Skagit County  
 Skagit River Hydroelectric Project

### Corporate Names :

Seattle City Light  
 Seattle (Wash.). Lighting Dept.

### Geographical Names :

Skagit County (Wash.)

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