

Seattle City Light Accountability Reports, 1996-2003

Overview of the Collection

Creator	Seattle City Light
Title	Seattle City Light Accountability Reports
Dates	1996-2003 (inclusive) 1996 2003
Quantity	1.2 cubic feet, (4 boxes)
Collection Number	1200-17
Summary	Reports to the Superintendent from branches and divisions of City Light
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
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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

Quarterly reports from branches and divisions to the Superintendent regarding work plans, goals, priorities, projects, actions and accomplishments. Reports include budgets, staffing information, and performance data. Also included are meeting files and accountability agreements.

Use of the Collection

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Administrative Information

Detailed Description of the Collection

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Names and Subjects

Subject Terms :

Electric power--Washington (State)--Seattle
Electric utilities--Washington (State)--Seattle

Geographical Names :

Seattle (Wash.)

Other Creators :

Corporate Names :

Seattle City Light
(creator)

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