

# Annual Reports of Public Electric Utilities, 1967-1997

## Overview of the Collection

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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

Federal regulations require City Light to file annual reports to the United States Department of Energy. The reports include income and sales statements, utility plant valuations, bonded debt, taxes and tax equivalents, electrical generation statistics by type of utility plant (steam, hydroelectric, etc.), transmission line statistics, power purchases and sales, and power exchanges. Prior to 1982, public electrical utilities that generated annual revenues of \$250,000 or more were required to file reports. After that, the requirement was based on the generation of 120,000 or more megawatt hours.

## Use of the Collection

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