

# Seattle City Light Power Costs Reports, 1995-1998

## Overview of the Collection

<b>Creator</b>	Seattle City Light
<b>Title</b>	Seattle City Light Power Costs Reports
<b>Dates</b>	1995-1998 (inclusive) 1995 1998
<b>Quantity</b>	.4 cubic foot, (1 box)
<b>Collection Number</b>	1206-18
<b>Summary</b>	Financial reports for electric energy transactions.
<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

Actual and Projected Power Cost Reports from the Power Management Division. Reports detail transactions for power purchases, interchanges and other power sources, as well as load resource balances.

## 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.

### 1206-18: Power Cost Reports, 1995-1998

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
1/1	Actual and Projected Power Cost Report	1995
1/2	Actual and Projects Power Cost Reports, 1996	1996-1997
1/3	Actual and Projects Power Cost Reports, 1997	1997
1/4	Actual and Projects Power Cost Reports, 1997	1998
1/5	Actual and Projects Power Cost Reports, 1998	1998
1/6	Actual and Projects Power Cost Reports, 1998	1998

# Names and Subjects

**Subject Terms :**

Power resources Costs

**Corporate Names :**

Seattle City Light

**Geographical Names :**

Seattle (Wash.)

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