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## CITY LIGHT PLANS SET

### —\$23 MILLION TO BE SPENT

Good news for the upper valley was released last night by City Light of Seattle with details of a \$23,000,000 program of construction for the upper Skagit projects during the next three projects during the next three years. The total will include \$17,000,000 for a new 300-foot dam for the Gorge power plant and six million to install a fourth generator at the Ross Dam powerhouse.

The announcement was tempered somewhat as good news when it came with the resignation of E. R. Hoffman, who will quit his job as superintendent of City Light on December 1<sup>st</sup>. He is leaving the post for reasons of health after having played a big part in the development of City Light since his appointment in 1929 to succeed the late J.D. Ross.

According to Hoffman the latest developments planned for the projects at Gorge and Ross will provide an additional 140,000 kilowatts of power and keep "about even" with the increasing demands of Seattle for the next few years. The Gorge dam, which is to be built about 600 feet downstream from the present low dam, will add some 50,000 kilowatts to the capacity of the Gorge powerhouse. The new generator at Ross will have a rated capacity of 90,000 kilowatts. This would bring the plant's output to 440,000 to 450,000 kilowatts.

The Ross dam and power plant is in the last stages of completion of recent installation of generator and is expected to be at full capacity, producing more than 300,000

kilowatts during the next month.

The Skagit projects are looked upon in the valley as local enterprises as they mean much in employment and business. The people at Newhalem and above are also very much a part of the community as their children attend high school here and the older folks join in most community projects.