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ASK PERMIT FOR DAM

The first step toward the building of a \$12 million dollar dam on the upper Baker River was made last Thursday by Puget Sound Power & Light company with the filing of an application for a preliminary permit for the hydro-electric project with the Federal Power Commission.

The preliminary permit was requested in order to give the company sufficient time to complete the required engineering studies and procure basic data necessary for application for a license.

The proposed dam would be built at Eaglecroust canyon, about seven miles north of Concrete and would provide a generating plant of about 60,000 kilowatts. The new dam would also provide greater stream control on the Baker and enable additional power production from the present dam and power house here. The local plant capacity can be increased 50,000 kilowatts for a total capacity in excess of 150,000 kilowatts for the combined operation.

Work of building the new dam and power house and new work at the local project would cost upwards of \$20 million dollars.

As the site has been long owned by the company and there are few controversial problems connected with it's construction, it is anticipated that the Federal Power Commission will grant the permit and expedite the plans of the company for early completion of the new power source.