

Push Completion Of Ross Project

SEATTLE, Nov. 14 — (U.P.) — Supt. E. R. Hoffman yesterday requested the city council appropriate \$350,000 to initiate plans for construction of a power house at the Ross damsite now building and transmission lines to Seattle for current it will produce.

Hoffman said a power shortage in the Pacific Northwest threatened to assume serious proportions unless preliminary work on the proposed additional project was started immediately.

He said Ross dam would be completed in 1948 and that its storage capacity of 1,400,000 acre-feet of water was the key to the project of the Skagit development.

Completion of the Ross dam called for two power tunnels and a powerhouse with four generators of 90,000 kilowatts each.

He said plans were the Diablo and Gorge powerhouses would carry the base load and that most of the "peaking" would be carried by the Ross unit.

He said city light was continuing to grow and it was necessary to add to its generating facilities.

"Power development in the Columbia river is progressing slowly," Hoffman said, "and it appears the Northwest will not have a surplus of power for the next six or eight years." . . .