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GORGE DAM BIDS TO BE OPENED DEC. 1ST

The contract for the new dam at Gorge Creek on the upper Skagit will be let December 1st, according to latest word from Seattle City Light. The bids were to have been opened, some time ago, but delays of one kind or another have kept the date moving ahead.

The 17 million dollar project will include a 300 foot dam and a highway between Newhalem and Diablo. The job will require three years to complete and is expected to bring another era of activity in the upper Skagit through increased payroll and many new people coming into the Newhalem and Marblemount areas.

The Board of Public Works, calling for the bids, decided to require the posting of full coverage performance bonds on the job, instead of 50 per cent coverage as first planned.

If a satisfactory bid is received some work may yet be started this year but unless weather conditions are good no real activity is expected until spring.