

MAJOR PROJECTS OUTLINED FOR CITY LIGHT DAMS

A major six-year construction program involving the expenditure of an estimated 50 million dollars, has been announced by Seattle City Light for its Skagit river project, it was revealed today.

The comprehensive construction work is planned in four stages, the first of which will get under way after the first of the year.

The initial project, contract of which is expected to be let soon, calls for considerable tunnel work at the present dam sites, installation of an additional generator at Newhalem and the construction of a camp for workers at Goodell creek, it was learned.

To Raise Gorge Dam

Planned for the second phase of the gigantic construction program, will be the addition of seven feet to the present Gorge dam and other work at that site. A workers' camp will also be built at a site known as East End.

The third phase of the project calls for continuation of present work at Ross dam, including the construction of 1800 more feet of cement lined tunnels.

Build Powerhouse

The final project will be the construction of a new powerhouse and the installation of two new generators. Exact location of the new powerhouse was not learend today.

The camp to be constructed at Goodell creek after the first of the year will be built to accommodate 100 men, it was learned. Total employment over the six year period is expected to be considerable, according to Ray Truax, local state employment head who recently conferred with officials of Seattle City Light.

Local Employment

"We would like to see as many as possible from Skagit county get the bulk of employment on the new projects," City Light's Superintendent Eugene Hoffman was reported to have said.

A large number of men are at present employed at construction work at Ross dam which is rapidly reaching its maximum height.