

Power Company Sets Tomorrow For Plant Bids

The Puget Sound Power & Light Co. has fixed tomorrow as the date upon which it will receive bids for its Seattle steam-heat plant. It appeared likely, however, that any action on transfer of the property may be deferred for a few days, and perhaps longer.

At least two groups, representing coal suppliers, have indicated an intention of bidding. One of these, however, may ask additional time to prepare its offer.

Downtown property owners, most of whom depend upon the company's operation for heating their buildings, are deeply interested in seeing the service maintained. As yet, however, there is no indication that they will submit a bid.

The power company's franchise for steam-heat plant operation expires next March, and either an extension or a new franchise would be required by a new operator.

The plant, parts of which are 60 years old, was valued at about \$1,250,000 by Ford, Bacon & Davis, consulting engineers engaged by the city of Seattle.

This valuation was made when the city considered the possibility of including the steam-heat plant in the purchase of the company's electrical properties. The city ultimately decided to stay out of the steam-heating business.