

50-Yr. Franchise On Plants Asked By Steam Corp.

The Seattle Steam Corp., which last December took over steam-heating plants of the Puget Sound Power & Light Co., today asked the City Council for a 50-year franchise. It would extend to March 14, 2002.

The application was made by Walter L. Wyckoff, secretary, and proposes a franchise embodying the general provisions of the power company's franchise.

Officers said a 50-year franchise is sought because they are studying the advisability of spending large sums to rehabilitate the old steam lines. The company provides heating services to many buildings throughout the central business district.