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CONCRETE MEN ARE AWARDED CONTRACT ON UPPER SKAGIT

WILL CLEAR FIFTEEN MILES OF RIGHT OF WAY FOR THE TRANSMISSION LINE FROM THE SEATTLE POWER PROJECT

William Jennings and Robert Nestos of this city have been awarded a contract by the city of Seattle for clearing fifteen miles of the right of way for the transmission line to run from the city's power project at Newhalem to Seattle. The clearing unit awarded to the local men runs from the camp at Newhalem to Rocky creek, and this contract is the first to be let on this work, but other contracts for clearing along the transmission line are to be let soon. The bid of the Concrete men amounted to approximately \$59,000, their bid being the lowest of four submitted, the other bidders being Seattle firms.

Under the contract awarded to Messrs, Jennings and Nestos, they are to clear the right of way to a width of 150 feet by removing all timber and brush. Incidentally all merchantable timber cut belongs to the contractors, and as this unit is through standing timber and follows closely along the railroad line, this item is likely to prove of considerable value. The contract provides that the work must be completed within seven months, and Mr. Nestos, who will have active charge of the work on the upper river, says that it will take at least six months to finish the job. A crew of sixty men will be employed at the start, and this crew may be increased later if it is found that more men can be employed to advantage. The contractors have already established a camp about five miles above Bacon creek, and are ready to begin work at

once. Mr. Nestos is now getting his crew and equipment lined up, and it is expected that the clearing work will be well underway before the end of next week. The residents of the upper valley are well pleased that the local men were able to land this contract in competition with Seattle bidders. As Mr. Jennings and Mr. Nestos are both able and experienced business men, there is no doubt as to their ability to finish their contract and make a success of the job.

The right of way for the transmission line will follow the Skagit River to the vicinity of Rockport, where it will cross the Skagit and follow the Sauk river valley to Darrington, from where it will make a direct line to Seattle. For the greater part of this distance the right of way will be cleared to a width of 300 feet. The clearing will be done by letting contracts for units of fifteen miles or less, and it is planned to have the right of way cleared and the transmission line under construction by June 1, 1923, if not sooner.