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ANOTHER BIG POWER PROJECT IN SKAGIT VALLEY IS PLANNED

APPLICATION MADE TO STATE FOR PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT HUGE PLANT ON SAUK RIVER-TO COST OVER \$3,000,000

That another huge power project is to be started in the Skagit valley was indicated Monday when application was made to the state supervisor of hydraulics for a permit to divert the waters of the Sauk River for power purposes. At the same time preliminary plans were announced by Lars Langloe, president of the Pacific Development company of Olympia, and R. K. Tiffany, consulting engineer and former supervisor of hydraulics. These plants provide for the development of a \$3,000,000 hydro-electric project on the Sauk River, to be located about five miles up the river from the old town of Sauk.

Langloe and Tiffany said they were acting on behalf of a company whose identity they were not at liberty to disclose at this time. An application was filed for a permit to impound 375,000 acre feet of storage, water behind a dam 210 feet high and 1,000 feet long. The project will develop power for industrial purposes only. The company's application requests authority to divert 1,000 cubic second feet of water daily from the Sauk River, a tributary of the Skagit. The preliminary plans call for a 20,000 horsepower plant, with provisions for additional units to be added later.

The Sauk River is a swift stream which flows into the Skagit a few miles below Rockport, and on the opposite side of the Skagit. The location given in the application is said to be ideal for a power site by local

people who are acquainted with the locality. While no announcement has been made as to when work on the project would be started, a number of reports have been prevalent in this vicinity that much preliminary work has already been done in the way of engineering and preparation of plans and that it is likely that work on actual construction will be started next summer or fall. However, there has been no verification of these reports, and it is possible that the application is being made by some company that desires to tie up the site for future development, and that it may be a few years before the plant is built. The construction of a big project on the Sauk River would be of great benefit to Concrete and the entire Skagit valley, and all are hoping that work will start soon.