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POWER COMPANY BUILDING NEW LINE TO UPPER VALLEY

Present Terminus At Rockport Rural Homes To Have Electric Service

The Puget Sound Power & Light company recently decided to extend its power and light service lines are now being built between Concrete and the upriver community. Erection of the pole line was started about a week ago from the Rockport end, and poles are now in place to a point about a mile on this side of the Sauk post-office. Most of the crew employed on this work are making their headquarters in Concrete, and a number of the men have moved their families to this city and will make their homes here until the work is completed. It is estimated that it will take a month or six weeks to complete the Concrete-Rockport line.

The new line will provide electric light and power service for the communities of Van Horn, Sauk and Rockport, and for the farmers residing along the highway between this city and Rockport. About forty-five customers for the new service have already been signed up, and it is expected that more will be added as soon as the new line is in operation. This line will give the rural residents of the upper valley a change to use electric lighting, and to install some of the many electric household conveniences, that are considered as almost necessities by city and town dwellers today. It is unofficially estimated that the cost of installing the line from Rockport to Concrete will be between \$10,000 and \$15,000.

It is reported that preliminary surveys are being made for an extension of this line to

Marblemount, and even further, and if it is found that there are enough prospective uses of electric service in that territory to justify to the cost of construction, the line will be built in the near future. So far no extension to the south side of the Skagit at Sauk is contemplated, as the farms and residences are too widely scattered to make an extension to that district feasible at this time.