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## **City Light Hires Rainmakers**

City Light has announced that Seattle City Light, in an effort to cut down on its power purchases, has signed a rain-making contract with the Water Resources Development Corporation of Denver, Colorado. The contract extends from now to the end of August.

Supt. Raver explained that the snow pack in the Skagit watershed is only 62% of normal and that City Light is faced with the purchase of a million dollars' worth of power between now and the end of August. The rain-making contract has been entered into in an effort to reduce power purchases and to further assure refilling of Ross Reservoir for next winter's needs.

Past experience of the Water Resources Development Corporation, shows that their operations have increased rainfall 10 to 20%. Normally from the first of May to the end of June the upper Skagit area has about five inches of rainfall. If the operation is successful it will add another inch of rainfall to the upper Skagit Basin. This would result in approximately 60,000 acre-feet of additional water. At the present time Ross Lake has space for storing more than 800,000 acre-feet.

The activities will be centered back of Ross Dam so that any additional rainfall will drain into Ross Lake where it can be stored.