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Power From Baker River Plant Ready For Use Here This Week

Marking a new era for electric light and power in this part of the state, the current generated at the new Baker river power project, recently completed by Stone & Webster, will be turned into the Sedro-Woolley sub-station this week. The water of the river, back of the recently finished dam has risen 160 ft. on the dam to the intake, and the power turbines in the power house have been turned over and tested, so everything is in readiness to start operations.

R. C. Burtrand, new superintendent of the Sedro-Woolley substation, who arrived in town this week to take charge of the local plant, stated today that he expected that Baker river power would be sent over the wires today for the first time. The days of getting power from the uncertain Stave Lake plant in British Columbia, with its frequent periods without power, are now over for Sedro-Woolley and the entire district, according to Mr. Burtrand.

Besides being connected with the new Baker river power plant, the system into Sedro-Woolley is now

hooked up with the system which furnishes Seattle and other parts of the state, and should power be shut off from Baker river at any time, it will be sent here from the plants at Snoqualmie Falls, Electron, White River, Nooksack or Bellingham.

The power generated at Concrete at the new Baker river plant, will come here at 110,000 volts. It will go at this voltage on one line thru to Seattle; another line with the current transformed to 55,000 volts takes it to Bellingham and vicinity; another 55,000 volt line goes to Burlington and another one takes the current back to Concrete. The Sedro-Woolley substation which has just been completed, cost about \$350,000 to build. The crew in charge will consist of four or five men.

Mr. Burtrand, the new head of the local substation, has been with Stone & Webster interests for sixteen years and had charge of the substation recently built at Beverly Park, just out of Everett. Mr. and Mrs. Burtrand will make their home in Sedro-Woolley at 636 Bennett street.