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West Kootenay Power and Light Company Ltd. fonds

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Title: West Kootenay Power and Light Company Ltd. fonds

Dates of Creation: 1911-1938

Physical Description: 1 cm of textual records

Administrative History:

The West Kootenay Power and Light Company Ltd. was incorporated on May 8, 1897, whose purpose was to provide hydro-electric power to mines and mining camps in the area of Rossland, B.C. The company's first dam was constructed shortly after their formation at Lower Bonnington Falls on the Kootenay River, and when connected to the community at Rossland was (at the time) the longest high voltage electricity line in the world at 51 km in length. A second dam and power plant was built in 1905. In 1916 controlling interest in the company was purchased by the Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company of Canada Ltd (Cominco) to improve the stable supply of electricity to their mining operations. The following years saw a further expansion of the dam networks and reliability to the surrounding area, with the company also providing domestic electricity services throughout southern British Columbia. In 1986-1987 the company was sold to Utilicorp United Inc. of Kansas City, but their established services continued to operate as the West Kootenay Power and Light Company Ltd. 2004 saw the company back in Canadian hands as all distribution, transmission, and generation assets were purchased by Newfoundland-based Fortis Inc. The company was renamed FortisBC, and continues to provide hydro-electricity to residents, businesses, and communities in southern British Columbia.

Scope and Content:

Fonds consists of correspondence received by the West Kootenay Power and Light Company Ltd. at their Rossland offices. Fonds also includes one business card.

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