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Scope and Content Note:

Collection documents franchising agreements with the City of Dallas for telegraph and telephone services, gas, electric power, and electric railways.

As energy and telecommunications utilities and mass transit were introduced to American cities in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, municipal governments discovered that regulation was necessary to standardize the delivery of services and pricing. In order to operate, a company had to acquire franchise rights from the local municipality. A franchise allows a utility to serve customers within a designated geographic area for a specific period of time. In return for its franchise, the utility is required to serve all customers equally and at reasonable cost. Many utility companies were shareholder owned, though a few were private.

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arrangement.

The bulk of the collection

This sub-collection is part of the larger collection 91-060, Dallas Water Utilities Records, 1882-1990.

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27. Dallas Ice Factory Light & Power Company, February 27, 1914.

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29. Dallas Ice Factory Light & Power Company, March 15, 1916.

30. Dallas Ice Factory Light & Power Company, March 1, 1917.

31. Northern Texas Utilities, February 26, 1915.

32. Texas Power & Light, March 30, 1914.

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35. Texas Power & Light, February 25, 1918.

36. Texas Power & Light, February 26, 1919.

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38. Dallas Electric Light & Power Company, includes Transit Companies, November 27, 1911.

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48. Dallas Electric Light & Power Company, includes Transit Companies, November 27, 1914.

49. Dallas Electric Light & Power Company, February 3, 1914.

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54. Dallas Street Railway, February 28, 1917.

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63. Texas Electric Railway, February 24, 1919.

64. Dallas Standard Traction Company, March 8, 1917.

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66. Dallas & Oak Cliff Electric Railway, March 27, 1919.

67. Northern Texas Traction Company, March 18, 1912.

68. Northern Texas Traction Company, March 21, 1913.

69. Northern Texas Traction Company, March 2 and 18, 1914.

70. Northern Texas Traction Company, also includes Dallas and Oak Cliff Electric Street Railway, February 25 and March 27, 1915.

72. Northern Texas Traction Company, February 27 and March 22, 1917.

73. Northern Texas Traction Company, February 28 and March 27, 1918.

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78. Southern Texas Traction Company, March 26, 1914; February 25, 1915; February 22, 1916; and February 26, 1917.

79. Texas Traction Company, March 26, 1914; February 25, 1915; February 22, 1916; and February 26, 1917.