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Commonwealth Edison Company records

Dates: 1893-1983, Undated

Creator: Commonwealth Edison Company (1906-)

Extent: 13.25 linear feet

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Separations: No separations.

See Also: Samuel Insull papers.

Administrative History

One of the first electrical shops in the city of Chicago opened in 1868. Owned and operated by George H. Bliss and L. O. Tillotson, this shop eventually became the Western Edison Light Company in 1882, with the rights to sell Edison electrical lights. In 1887 the Western Edison Light Company became the Chicago Edison Company and in 1892 Samuel Insull was elected as president of the company. Another electrical company, the Cosmopolitan Electric Company, incorporated in 1895 and in 1898 an operating contract was signed between the Chicago Edison Company and the Cosmopolitan Electric Company. These two companies consolidated into the Commonwealth Edison Company in 1907.

Taken from "History of Commonwealth Edison Company" September 1952 (Box 1, folder 2)



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Scope and Content

The Commonwealth Edison Company records compose 13.25 linear feet spanning the years 1893 to 1983, and include company histories, by-laws, agreements, leases, mortgages, and reports. The records are arranged by company.

Series

Series 1: Historical Records, 1904-1953, Undated. Boxes 1-3

The historical records series includes company histories, information about the Chicago Edison Company, statistics, and data gathered for a company history.

Series 2: Commonwealth Edison, 1893-1983, Undated. Boxes 4-10

The Commonwealth Edison records include annual reports, by-laws, the first agreement between the Chicago Edison Co. and the Commonwealth Electric Co., other agreements, and financial statements.

Series 3: Aurora, Elgin, and Fox River Electric Company, 1923-1924. Box 11

The Aurora, Elgin, and Fox River Electric Company records contain mortgages and deeds.

Series 4: Chicago & Illinois Midland Railway Company, 1936-1938. Box 11

The Chicago & Illinois Midland Railway Company records consist of annual reports.

Series 5: Coal Products Manufacturing Company, 1925. Box 11

The Coal Products Manufacturing Company records consist of a trust agreement.

Series 6: Economy Light & Power Company, 1906, 1911. Box 11

The Economy Light & Power Company records consist of mortgages and important documents.

Series 7: Illinois Northern Utilities Company, 1912-1939. Boxes 11-12

The Illinois Northern Utilities Company records consist of annual reports.

Series 8: Illinois Valley Gas and Electric Company, 1911. Box 12

The Illinois Valley Gas and Electric Company records consist of important papers.

Series 9: McHenry County Light & Power Company, 1918. Box 13

The McHenry County Light & Power Company records consist of one mortgage.

Series 10: North Shore Electric Co., 1911. Box 13

The North Shore Electric Co. records consist of important papers.



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Series 11: Public Service Company of Northern Illinois, 1913-1951. Boxes 13-18

The Public Service Company of Northern Illinois records include the charter, by-laws, reports, financial statements, and mortgages of the company.

Series 12: Southern Illinois Gas Company, 1918. Box 19

The Southern Illinois Gas Company records consist of a mortgage.

Series 13: Western United Corporation, 1912-1937. Boxes 19-20

The Western United Corporation records consist of reports, financial statements, and mortgages for the company.

Subjects:

Commonwealth Edison Company
Aurora, Elgin, and Fox River Electric Company
Chicago & Illinois Midland Railway Company
Coal Products Manufacturing Company
Economy Light & Power Company
Illinois Northern Utilities Company
Illinois Valley Gas and Electric Company
McHenry County Light & Power Company
North Shore Electric Co.
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<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Dates</u>
<u>Series 1: Historical Records, 1904-1953, Undated</u>			
1	1	Whetstone, Imogene E. "Historical Factors in the Development of Northern Illinois and Its Utilities"	1928
1	2	History of Commonwealth Edison Company	1952
1	3	History of the Public Service Company of Northern Illinois	Undated
1	4	Chicago Edison Company Papers Vol. II	1904
1	5	"Why Commonwealth Edison Company needs a rate increase"	1953
1	6	Status Of Illinois Utility Companies Research bulletin #23	1937
1	7	Comparative Study of Representative Net Monthly Bills..	1939
1	8	Illinois Electric Utilities research Bulletins #32 & #42	1941, 1945
1	9	Illinois Gas Utilities research bulletins #33 & #41	1941, 1945
2	1	Pipeline Construction Exhibits (I.C.C. 21227 Exhibits)	1931
2	2	Pipeline Construction Exhibits (I.C.C. 21227 Exhibits)	1932
2	3	"Material Collected by J.F. Rose in preparation of Company History" Copy 3	Undated
3	1	Statistics (1 of 3)	1934
3	2	Statistics (2 of 3)	1934
3	3	Statistics (3 of 3)	1934
3	4	Public Service Company Co-operative Stock Sale manual	1919
3	5	Study of the Properties Which have been assembled to form the electrical department of the Public Service Company...	1933
3	6	Public service Company Historical Data	Undated
3	7	Public Service Company data	Undated



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Series 2: Commonwealth Edison, 1893-1983,

Undated

4	1	Operating Contract - Chicago Edison Co. & Commonwealth Electric Co.	1898
4	2	By-Laws: Chicago Edison Company	1893, 1906
4	3	By-Laws: Commonwealth Electric Company	1906
4	4	By-Laws: Commonwealth Edison Company	1907, 1914
4	5	Articles of Consolidation - The Chicago Edison Co. & Chicago Arc Light and Power Co.	1893
4	6	Commonwealth Edison Company Important papers vol. 1 (copy 1)	1911
4	7	Commonwealth Edison Company Important papers vol. 1 (copy 2)	1911
4	8	Commonwealth Edison Company Important papers vol. II	1925
5	1	Commonwealth Edison Company Important papers vol. II	1925
5	2	Electric Service Agreement - The Metropolitan West Side Elevated Railway Co.	1912, 1913
5	3	Electric Service Agreement: Northwestern Elevated Railroad Co.	1912, 1913
5	4	Electric Service Agreement: South Side Elevated Railroad Co.	1912, 1913
5	5	Electric Service Agreement: Chicago City Railway Co.	1913
5	6	Lease from South Side Elevated Railroad Company	1913
5	7	Lease from Northwestern Elevated Railroad Co.	1913
5	8	Conversion Service Agreement: Chicago Railways Co.	1913
6	1	Annual Reports	1908, 1909
6	2	Annual Reports	1910-1919
6	3	Annual Reports	1920-1929
6	4	Annual Reports	1930, 1931, 1933-1935
7	1	Annual Reports	1936-1939
7	2	Annual Reports	1940-1943
7	3	Annual Reports	1943-1949
7	4	Annual Reports	1950-1954
8	1	Annual Reports	1955-1959
8	2	Annual Reports	1960-1963



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8	3	Annual Reports	1963-1968
			1972-1975, 1977,
8	4	Annual Reports	1979
8	5	Annual Reports	1980, 1982, 1983
			1928, 1929, 1931,
8	6	Annual Reports: Commonwealth Subsidiary Corp.	1932
		Annual Reports: Commonwealth Edison Co. &	
8	7	Commonwealth Subsidiary Corp.	1931-1932
9	1	Statistical Review	1953
9	2	Financial Reviews	1954-1958
9	3	Financial Reviews	1961, 1967, 1968
9	4	Financial Reviews	1971-1977
		Simpson, James: Addresses at Annual & Special	
9	5	Meetings	1933-1939
		Freeman, Charles: Addresses at Annual & Special	
9	6	Meetings	1940-1946
			1961, 1964, 1965,
9	7	Reports for Annual Stockholder Meetings	1968, 1969
9	8	Reports for Annual Stockholder Meetings	1970-1977, 1979
9	9	Reports for Annual Stockholder Meetings	1980, 1984
10	1	Costs of Reproduction....Case No. 22337	1934
		Illinois Commerce Commission vs. Commonwealth	
10	2	Edison Company Ill. C.C. No. 22337 (8 vols.)	Undated

**Series 3: Aurora, Elgin, and Fox River Electric
Company, 1923-1924**

11	1	Decree of Sale of the Fox River Division	1923
11	2	First Mortgage	1924
11	3	Deeds	1924

**Series 4: Chicago & Illinois Midland Railway
Company, 1936-1938**

			1936-1938
11	4	Annual Reports	

**Series 5: Coal Products Manufacturing Company,
1925**

11	5	Trust Agreement	1925
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**Series 6: Economy Light & Power Company, 1906,
1911**

11	6	First Mortgage	1906
11	7	Economy Light and Power Co. Important Papers	1911

**Series 7: Illinois Northern Utilities Company, 1912-
1939**

11	8	Annual Reports	1912-1916
11	9	Annual Reports	1921-1927, 1929
11	10	Annual Reports	1930-1939
12	1	Important Papers Ill. North. Util. Co. Vol. I	1912

**Series 8: Illinois Valley Gas and Electric Company,
1911**

12	2	Important Papers Ill. Valley G. & E. Co. Vol. I	1911
12	3	Important Papers Ill. Valley G. & E. Co. Vol. I (copy 2)	1911

**Series 9: McHenry County Light & Power
Company, 1918**

13	1	First Mortgage	1918
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Series 10: North Shore Electric Co., 1911

13	2	North Shore Electric Co. Papers vol. III	1911
13	3	Important Papers No. Shore Elec. Co. vol. III (copy 2)	1911

**Series 11: Public Service Company of Northern
Illinois, 1913-1951**

13	4	Corporate Charter and amendments	1918, 1926-1929
13	5	By-Laws	1924, 1933, 1938
13	6	Simpson, James: Address at Annual Meeting	1934
14	1	Annual Reports	1913-1919
14	2	Annual Reports	1920-1924
14	3	Annual Reports	1925-1929
14	4	Annual Reports	1930-1933
14	5	Annual Reports	1934-1939
15	1	Annual Reports	1940-1949
15	2	Annual Reports	1950-1951



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15	3	Annual Reports: Public Service Subsidiary	1927-1931
15	4	Annual report: Public Service Co. of Northern Illinois and Subsidiary Companies	1932
15	5	Financial Statements	1932, 1933
15	6	1st Lien and refunding mortgage	1922
15	7	Mortgages	1911-1932
15	8	Mortgages	1935
15	9	First Mortgage	1938
16	1	Public Service Company of Northern Illinois Important Papers vol. 1 (copy 1)	1916
16	2	Public Service Company of Northern Illinois Important Papers vol. 1 (copy 2)	1916
17	1	Public Service Company of Northern Illinois Important Papers vol. 2	1933
18	1	Public Service Company of Northern Illinois Important papers vol. 2 (copy 2)	1933

Series 12: Southern Illinois Gas Company, 1918

19	1	First Mortgage	1918
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Series 13: Western United Corporation, 1912-1937

19	2	Annual Reports	1925, 1928, 1929, 1931-1934
19	3	Annual Reports	1934-1937
19	4	Income & Expense Statement & Statistical Report	1912, 1914, 1915, 1917-1919
19	5	Income & Expense Statement & Statistical Report	1920-1922, 1924-1927
19	6	Mortgages	1913, 1918, 1923
19	7	Mortgages	1917, 1920
20	1	Report No. 3044 on Western United Gas and Electric Company	1934