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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	American Public Power Association Collection on Public Utilities
Date:	1950 - 1982
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.1337
Creator:	American Public Power Association (Creator)
Extent:	0.6 Cubic feet (3 boxes)
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

American Public Power Association

Ownership and Custodial History

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Processing Information

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Biographical / Historical

A service organization for the more than 2,000 U.S. community-owned electric utilities, the APPA was created in 1940 to represent the common interests of these utilities.

Scope and Contents

Persuasive printed materials offered by the Association to member utilities, to use as ads in local newspapers or as bill stuffers, on public interest subjects such as holiday safety, energy saving, the conveniences of electric appliances, and other topics; persuasive printed materials, mostly offered by investor-owned utilities, in opposition to public power, many of them asserting that public utilities were "socialist" and ceded too much control to the federal government, or wasted taxpayers' money. Also included is a film marking the 100th anniversary of public power.

Arrangement

Divided into 1 series.

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

- Electric utilities
- Electricity -- History
- Public utilities

Types of Materials:

- 16mm motion picture film
- Advertisements -- 1950-2000
- Motion pictures (visual works) -- 20th century