

# LOCAL SYSTEM TO CHANGE FROM STEAM PLANT TO BOULDER ENERGY

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Boulder dam power comes permanently to Las Vegas at thirty seconds past eight o'clock tonight!

Promptly at that hour, the epochal era will be ushered in when the big switches in the sub-station of the Southern Nevada Power company down in the canyon beneath the mighty dam, will be thrown over permanently, sending the power from the world's greatest turbines out onto the transmission lines leading to Las Vegas.

At eight o'clock the entire community will be plunged into darkness when the old Union Pacific steam plant which has furnished the community with electrical energy since 1916, is switched off the line once and for all.

There will be a period of darkness for thirty seconds—an impressive period of power silence to symbolize the momentous occasion, and then with a rush, Boulder dam power will energize the line for all time.

At the regular junior chamber of commerce meeting, plans have been made to welcome the advent of the new and cheaper power with a fitting demonstration. Ed W. Clark, president of the Southern Nevada Power company, will be guest speaker of the occasion, and it is expected that others will make short addresses.

Thruout the city it is expected that impromptu demonstrations will be staged, greatest of all of which will be, perhaps, that which the power system itself will provide.

**ENGINEERS** IN charge of the installation of the equipment and the switch-over from steam power to the energy from Boulder dam, predict that when the load is pulled off at the local sub-station at Main and Garces streets at eight o'clock, a beautiful arc will shoot skyward producing a sensational demonstration that will linger long in the memory of all who view it.

This phenomena is entirely normal to electrical operation and signifies nothing out of the ordinary, the engineers declared.

Reading of meters for the last time under the old rate has been completed and since Monday, the new Boulder dam power schedule published in both local newspapers last week has been in effect.

**BILLS COVERING** the first two weeks of March power consumption will be mailed out within the next few days, power company officials stated.