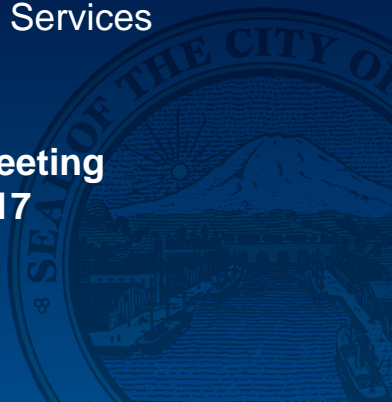


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Overview of Properties





Front façade, Cushman Substation, 2016

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Historical view of the complex looking east, April 13, 1937.

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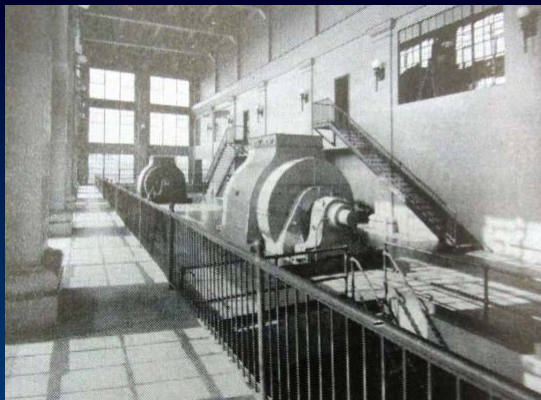
Adams Street substation and Tower 1; view northwest, September 12, 1925

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Present day view of the interior condenser room

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Cushman Substation Condenser room ca. 1929

Summary of Nominated Elements

Nominated Element	LPC Recommendation	Staff Recommendation	TPU Staff Comments
Cushman Substation (building exterior)	Include	Include	Include
Condenser Room (building interior)	Include	Do not include	Do not include
Cushman Substation (site)	Include	Include	Include
Adams Substation (building exterior)	Include	Include	Include
Single lattice tower on Adams Substation site	Include	Include	If included, allow it to be moved
Other lattice towers along North 21 st Street*	Do not include	Do not include	Do not include

*Note that these elements were removed from further consideration prior to the Public Hearing on February 8th.

Effects of Listing

Historic Designation DOES:	Historic Designation DOES NOT:
Require design approval for alterations to designated elements	Prevent alterations
Potentially increase flexibility for future uses (Historic CUP)	Restrict or regulate future use
Make property tax incentives available	

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Process

December 14, 2016
 February 8, 2017
 February 22, 2017
 April 17, 2017
 May 24, 2017

LPC Preliminary Review
 LPC Public Hearing
 LPC Recommendation
 IPS Committee
 Study Session

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Recommendations

On February 22, the Landmarks Preservation Commission recommended designation of the following elements:

- The exteriors of both the Cushman and Adams Street Substations
- The surrounding sites, but not the electrical switchyard equipment or footings
- The single lattice tower on the Adams Street Substation property (may be relocated elsewhere within property)
- The interior space of the main condenser room

Staff concurred with the recommendation, with the exception of the interior of the condenser room, which was recommended to be excluded from the designation.

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