

The Historic Faraday Powerhouse



The Faraday Powerhouse served a significant role in the history and development of the Clackamas River Valley and the community of Estacada. We celebrate its past, as we plan for the future.



The powerhouse has remained intact, surviving extensive damage in its 111 years. A generator malfunction took out the roof and caused a fire in 1908, and powerhouse equipment was submerged in the floods of 1964 and 1996.



PGE and its employees helped establish the city of Estacada, incorporated in 1905, during construction of the Faraday Powerhouse and Cazadero Dam.



City of Estacada



The original dam was a wooden structure filled with rock; a wooden flume diverted water into Faraday Lake.



On February 25, 1907, state and local dignitaries attend the commissioning ceremony, sending electricity to downtown Portland.



Commissioning Ceremony, 1907



Cazadero Dam, 1905

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