

The first electricity in Patchogue was generated in 1887, when miller Edward Terry converted his gristmill to a small power plant by installing turbines. A group of Patchogue businessmen formed the Patchogue Electric Light Company in 1888 and bought out Terry. Since the amount of electricity that could be produced in the Terry

Mill on the Patchogue Lake was very limited, a new power plant was needed. Construction of the new plant began in November 1899 near the end of the Patchogue Harbor, just north of Division Street and the railroad tracks. A steam powered dynamo, producing enough electricity for 1000 lights, went into service in August 1900.



The original small power plant on Division Street, 1904.



The demand for electricity increased rapidly and the original power plant had to be enlarged several times. In 1912, a 600kw generator with steam turbine drive was installed. In the following years the generating capacity was upgraded several more times. Large extensions to the building were constructed in 1923 to house a large boiler that could produce 1,000 horsepower, thereby doubling the capacity of the plant. This is the final size of the power plant in 1962.