

**HISTORIC RESOURCE: GLENDALE POWER
& LIGHT BUILDING**

**LOCATION: B/t Glendale Ave. and Isabel St.
on Wilson Ave.**

OWNERSHIP: Public

USE: Government/ Industrial

LAND AREA:

ZONE: C2

DESIGNATION: Glendale Register

YEAR BUILT: 1928

STYLE: Art Deco

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:

This two-story classical Revival electrical substation is influenced by the more exotic Egyptian-inspired motifs of the Art Deco era. An outstanding example of public architecture on a modest scale and for an utilitarian purpose, the building is a two-story rectangular box built of concrete.

The twenties, a decade that brought vast growth to Glendale, witnessed a corresponding development of facilities in the civic center. This substation was one of three such structures from that era, the other two being the Water, Power and Light Building (Public Service Building) demolished in 1992 on Glendale Avenue, and the General Services Building on Isabel Street. All three were influenced by the Art Deco period in their design. No architect, other than the Public Service Department, was given credit for the design of the building, which was built in 1928 by H.F. Jones. Typical of the high caliber of design seen on many substations and other similarly intended, semi-industrial structures during the twenties and thirties, the Glendale Municipal Power and Light Building is significant within the context of Glendale's architectural development.

Lanterns that decorated the now demolished Water, Power and Light Building have been installed on the north exterior wall of this electrical substation. The building sits within a neatly landscaped lot on the north edge of the civic center.

