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The Honorable Greg Nickels  
Mayor, City of Seattle  
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ATTN: Regina LaBelle

Dear Mayor Nickles:

I am writing you to express my support for the reconfirmation of Gary Zarker as Superintendent, Seattle City Light.

By way of introduction, I am the President & CEO of the American Public Power Association. APPA is the national service organization representing the interests of the nation's nearly 2000 publicly owned electric utilities. Seattle City Light was a founding member of APPA in 1940, and has been actively involved in APPA activities since its inception. I have worked for APPA since 1977 and have worked with several City Light Superintendents during my career. I have known Mr. Zarker since he became Superintendent in 1994. His selection and subsequent service ended a rather tumultuous period in City Light's history which I, looking at the situation from the outside, attribute to his leadership skills.

In the tradition of many of his predecessors at City Light, Mr. Zarker has been a leader in national public power affairs. He has been involved in various APPA committees and task forces and is extremely well respected by his colleagues across the country. He is regarded as a very thoughtful and intelligent individual truly committed to the principles of public power, dedicated to the citizens of Seattle and the customers of City Light, and a strong advocate of public power's responsibilities to protect our natural environment. Over the past two years, he has been instrumental in helping leaders of public power systems in other regions understand the causes and consequences of the disastrous "restructuring" of the Western electricity market and the regulatory failures of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. In this regard, he has helped mold APPA policies in ways beneficial to the Pacific Northwest.

In my opinion and based on my long career with APPA, I believe City Light has been fortunate to have a leader as dedicated, articulate and thoughtful as Mr. Zarker. I certainly hope that he will be reconfirmed as Superintendent of Seattle City Light.

Sincerely yours,

Alan H. Richardson  
President & CEO

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