

## Pend Oreille County Public Utility District

Administrative Offices - P.O. Box 190 • Newport, WA 99156 • (509) 447-3137 • FAX (509) 447-5824  
Box Canyon Hydro Project - P.O. Box 547 • Ione, WA 99139 • (509) 446-3137 • FAX (509) 447-6790

January 21, 2003

The Honorable Greg Nickels  
Mayor, City of Seattle  
600 Fifth Avenue  
12<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Seattle, Washington 98104

Attn: Regina LaBelle

Dear Ms. LaBelle:

This letter is being sent by the Board of Commissioners, General Manager, and Director of Hydro Operations and Power and Supply at the Box Canyon Dam Project in Pend Oreille County. We wish to support Gary Zarker's reconfirmation as Superintendent of Seattle City Light.

Pend Oreille P.U.D.'s Box Canyon Project is the next project upstream from Boundary Dam, and we each get energy from the other's projects. The relationship between this Public Utility District and Seattle City Light, through its Boundary Dam Project, is important, and thanks to Mr. Zarker's leadership, it has been a strong and lasting one. That value of that service to the residents of Pend Oreille County cannot be emphasized enough.

Mr. Zarker is a willing regional partner in the complex energy business through his leadership in the Public Generating Pool. At this time, more than any other, national energy issues need continuity, and he will continue to provide it for the Seattle and others in the Northwest utility services.

His strong environmental leadership and accomplishments and his record of public service are cause for reconfirmation as Superintendent of City Seattle Light.

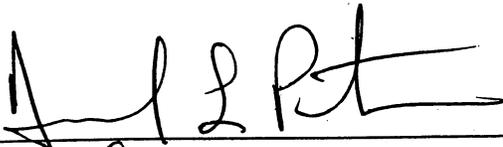
Sincerely,

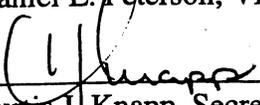
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1  
OF PEND OREILLE COUNTY, WASHINGTON

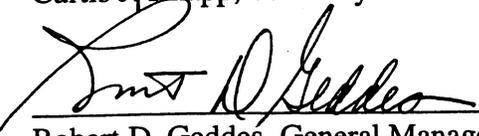
By *Kenneth R. Hirsch*  
Kenneth R. Hirsch, President

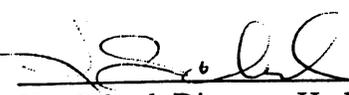
RECEIVED  
03 JAN 27 AM 9:26  
CITY OF SEATTLE  
MAYOR'S OFFICE

Page 2 – Mr. Nickels

By   
Daniel L. Peterson, Vice-president

By   
Curtis J. Knapp, Secretary

  
Robert D. Geddes, General Manager

  
Jim Scheel, Director, Hydro Operations &  
Power Supply