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The Honorable Greg Nickels, Mayor
City of Seattle
Municipal Building
600 Fifth Avenue, 12th Floor
Seattle, WA 98104

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Dear Mayor Nickels:

As Dean of the College of Engineering and Architecture and Washington State University's Distinguished Professor in Power Systems Engineering, I am pleased to provide a letter endorsing your reconfirmation of Gary Zarker as Superintendent of Seattle City Light. Under Mr. Zarker's leadership, Seattle City Light has been active in WSU's Power Professorship, an industry-university consortium that helps build industry resources from within our electric power engineering program. We are proud of the leading-edge power systems operations technologies credited to research at WSU and are happy to share our findings with our industry partners through this consortium. Mr. Zarker recognizes the value of partnering not only with the university but also with the peer utilities and private companies participating in the Power Professorship and has committed the utility to our annual contracted participation fee as well as consistent representation at the consortium's annual meeting in the spring. Further, Mr. Zarker has delegated to the Distribution branch of Seattle City Light an initiative to help build the pipeline of future power engineers through promoting the growth of key endowed funds established at WSU through private donations. These funds are designated either for scholarships for students majoring in electrical engineering with emphasis in power, or for the maintenance and upgrade of equipment within the laboratories associated with power engineering courses.

Washington State University thanks Mr. Zarker for his foresight in providing for the utilities' future employment force and for his understanding of the importance of engineering education and the need for collaboration to advance the electric power industry. I am submitting this request for reconfirmation without hesitation or qualification.

Sincerely,



Anjan Bose, Dean and Distinguished Professor
in Power Systems Engineering

cc: Kathleen Warren, Hardev Juj