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The Honorable Greg Nickels
Mayor, City of Seattle
600 Fifth Avenue
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Seattle, WA. 98104

Dear Mr. Mayor,

It is with enthusiasm that I write this letter in support of my colleague, Gary Zarker, Superintendent of Seattle City Light. As the General Manager of the Chelan County Public Utility District, one of the regions most important public utilities, I have a unique perspective as to what it takes to lead a utility through unpredictable and challenging times we all face.

Gary and I have served together in the Large Public Council and as a fellow public power servant, I can attest to his commitment to strong environmental leadership in the northwest. This leadership is underscored by his record in public service and his continued focus on superior customer service for all stake holders. His role as a regional partner in complex energy issues has led to solutions that ultimately create value for those of us that count on his style of utility leadership. As you consider Seattle's future role in regional and national electricity issues, Mr. Zarker represents a good choice to lead that charge.

As public power takes the next step into its uncertain future, good stewardship and focused leadership become critical characteristics for success. Gary will continue to move Seattle City Light forward while maintaining stability in fundamental City services. You can count on my continued support as Gary Zarker extends his role as Superintendent of Seattle City Light.

Sincerely

Charles J. Hosken
General Manager
Chelan County PUD

cc: Gary Zarker