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

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Dear Mayor Nickels,

It is my great pleasure to support Mr. Gary Zarker's reconfirmation as Superintendent of Seattle City Light. I have been a Professor of Electrical Engineering at the University of Washington since 1983. My research and teaching activities are in the area of electric power engineering. I am also serving as Director of Electric Energy Industrial Consortium (EEIC) at the UW for the last 7 years. Through these responsibilities, I have collaborated closely with colleagues at Seattle City Light.

Seattle City Light, under the leadership of Mr. Zarker, has been one of the great supporters of power engineering education at the University of Washington. Through his leadership and contributions to the EEIC, we were able to provide scholarships and assistantships for undergraduate students with an interest in power engineering. Our students also benefit greatly from the field trips to Seattle City Light facilities such as downtown substations, the Energy Control Center, and the hydro power plants. Such visits expose the students to practical issues and new technologies in the field. Seattle City Light also employed many graduates from the UW. The collaboration has been extremely helpful to our educational program. We particularly appreciate Mr. Zarker for his vision and strong support of his colleagues in the collaboration.

I would like to strongly recommend Mr. Gary Zarker's reconfirmation.

Sincerely,

Chen-Ching Liu  
Professor and Director of the EEIC