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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
Lake Chelan National Recreation Area  
Ross Lake National Recreation Area  
North Cascades National Park  
810 State Route 20  
Sedro-Woolley, Washington 98284-9394

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January 21, 2003

The Honorable Greg Nickels  
600 Fourth Avenue  
12<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Seattle, Washington 98104

Attn: Regina LaBelle

Dear Mayor Nickels:

I have served as the Superintendent of the North Cascades National Park Service Complex since August 1992. In that capacity I have worked closely with Roberta Palm Bradley, Gary Zarker and their staffs concerning the Skagit and Newhalem Creek Projects, which are largely located on federal lands administered by the National Park Service.

In both the execution of license requirements imposed by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and in project operations that are not governed by license articles I have found Mr. Zarker and his staff to be professional, cooperative, and clearly concerned about the conservation of natural and cultural resources as well as operating efficiency and cost containment. In many cases his cooperative approach has resulted in considerable savings to Seattle City Light ratepayers and federal taxpayers.

It has been a pleasure to work with Mr. Zarker and I look forward to continuing to do so in the coming years.

Sincerely,

William F. Paleck  
Superintendent

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