



January 24, 2003

Mayor Greg Nickels
600 4th Avenue, 12th Floor
Seattle, WA 98104

Attention: Regina Labelle

Dear Mayor Nickels:

I am writing this letter on behalf of SouthEast Effective Development to enthusiastically support your nomination and reappointment of Gary Zarker as the Director of Seattle City Light. Similarly, I am urging the City Council's Energy and Environmental Policy Committee to approve nomination of Gary Zarker's and forward it to the full Council for final approval.

Gary Zarker has a distinguished public services record with accomplishment in multiple arenas. We in the community have confidence in Gary Zarker. We have confidence in his management, leadership, and vision to guide the city in the right direction to overcome our energy cost dilemma and to incorporate renewable energy technologies as new energy sources for the City.

I'm particularly impressed with Mr. Zarker's strong commitment to energy conservation in affordable housing. Programs like LaundryWise, Multifamily Common Area Lighting and Multifamily Weatherization are programs that we have found essential, not only to conserve energy, but also necessary in helping us maintain affordable residential rents. Also, under Gary Zarker's leadership Seattle City Light has one of the finest low-income relief rates in the country. On balance, Seattle City Light has been a partner that affordable housing can count on.

I commend you for nominating Gary Zarker for reappointment Director of Seattle City Light, and look forward to continuing to have good working relations with the utility.

Sincerely,

Earl Richardson, Executive Director
Cc: Heidi Wells