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Subject: Reconfirmation Support – Gary Zarker

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Experience of Mr. Rust includes 25 plus years of utility experience within the Northwestern area of the United States and Canada.

Mr. Rust is providing this letter of support for Gary Zarker as an individual.

This letter is in support of reconfirmation of Gary Zarker as Superintendent of Seattle City Light (SCL). Gary's knowledge and leadership was instrumental in SCL's ability to weather the storm of utility chaos during the 2000 and 2001 period. As the industry experienced one of the worst hydro conditions as well as an unpredictable and uncontrollable wholesale energy price arena, Gary made tough but knowledgeable decisions to the benefit of the citizens of Seattle. Gary kept all alternatives available, while maintaining the City's stewardship of conservation and renewable resources. Not only did Gary's leadership help SCL's ability to weather the storm, it provided the necessary support to the State of Washington and the Northwest electric power community. Gary's strong belief in conservation and renewable energy demonstrate his commitment to environment, as well as efficiently and effectively utilizing our nation's resources.

Gary's ability to work toward a common goal allowed the citizens of Seattle, and the business communities to partner on the complex energy issues facing us now and into the future. Gary's willingness to present the facts allows everyone to make better informed decisions. Gary's hard work to be abreast of the local issues, the regional issues and the national issues provide the necessary insight to allow the City Council to make the necessary, informed decisions enabling the City to be a leader. Even during times in which people may question the need for such things as an RTO, or a national SMD, Gary is aware of the information and is willing to present the best

option for the City. In some cases, this option is not in line with the National recommendation. This demonstrates that Gary is concerned for Seattle and is willing to speak out – even against a National recommendation.

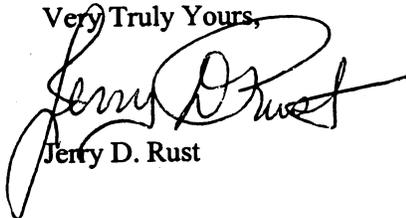
In addition to Gary's involvement in the energy issues, Gary ensures that SCL personnel participate in activities that will help SCL now and into the future. SCL personnel are involved in items such as the Bonneville Power Administration "Infrastructure Review", WECC standards, Northwest Power Pool Reserve Sharing, all of which have a direct impact on the costs and operations of SCL. Gary knows what is important, and provides the correct resources for the betterment of SCL.

Gary has and continues to make SCL one of the best operations in the region, while bringing value to everyone around Seattle. Without Gary's hard work, knowledge, and overall willingness to communicate, SCL and the region would be able to cope as well as it has.

Clearly, Gary should be reconfirmed as the Superintendent of Seattle City Light.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this information, and if you have any questions please call.

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jerry D. Rust". The signature is stylized with a large, looping initial "J" and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Jerry D. Rust