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The Honorable Greg Nickels
Mayor, City of Seattle
600 Fifth Avenue
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Attn: Regina La Belle

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MAYOR'S OFFICE

Dear Mayor Nickels:

I'm writing on behalf of my friend and colleague, Gary Zarker, who I hope you will reconfirm as superintendent of your city's utility.

I've known Gary for a number of years as our companies are both members of the Large Public Power Council (LPPC). The LPPC provides a forum for exchange of ideas among the 24 largest public power entities in the country. The LPPC as a group also advocates policies and legislative initiatives that advance the cause of public power. Gary has played a leadership role within the group with respect to the development of policies regarding environmental issues, hydroelectric re-licensing, market power and the like. His insight and knowledge of current trends within the industry are valued by all of us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Eugene W. Zeltmann'.

Eugene W. Zeltmann,
President and CEO

cc: The Honorable Heidi Wills

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