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Stan Gent, President & CEO  
Seattle Steam Company  
1325 – 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, #1440  
Seattle, WA 98101-2509

Dear Stan:

Congratulations on your new, state-of-the-art biomass facility in downtown Seattle!

I am well aware of Seattle Steam's long history of providing thermal energy to Seattle's downtown business core, and I understand that your new biomass boilers will result in 50 percent of your thermal energy being produced from a renewable energy source. This exciting shift away from fossil fuels will significantly reduce carbon emissions and will set a wonderful example for other companies in Washington and throughout the region.

I applaud Seattle Steam for its commitment to accountability, innovation, and environmental stewardship. Together, we can find workable solutions to our environmental challenges and make choices that support sustainable communities. I hope your leadership will motivate and inspire other businesses to take action, propelling Washington even farther ahead as a national leader in alternative energy.

Thank you for your hard work and dedication, and please accept my best wishes for a memorable commissioning celebration and continued success in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chris Gregoire".

Christine O. Gregoire  
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