



**New Hampshire/
Vermont Chapter**

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Ms. Pamela Monroe
NH Site Evaluation Committee
Department of Environmental Services
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Dear Committee members:

The members of the Associated Builders & Contractors of NH & VT wish to strongly urge you to approve the Sea-3 Inc. exemption request. As an organization whose members represent numerous sectors of New Hampshire's construction industry, we see first-hand the energy challenges throughout the State. With a growing need for a reliable cost-effective propane supply for both commercial and residential purposes, we are convinced that allowing Sea-3 to upgrade its railcar offloading capacity in Newington as soon as possible would be a benefit to the region.

Clearly energy costs are severely impacting New Hampshire businesses and residents, and the use of propane as a viable alternative to oil has been rapidly increasing throughout the State. Access to lower cost US produced propane will help alleviate the supply shortages of previous years while bringing lower cost propane to the State.

We are also aware that the rail line from Rockingham Junction to Newington has a very good safety record and now that over \$1 million of upgrades have occurred, it makes sense to use the safe facility located in Newington for the delivery and distribution of propane around the State rather than the alternatives of direct unloading from train cars to trucks.

The vast majority of New Hampshire businesses and homeowners who rely on propane for heat will only benefit from the Sea-3 upgrade. Since the Sea-3 application meets all of the SEC's requirements under the statute for receiving an exemption, we hope you will approve the request so we can begin addressing the energy needs of New Hampshire in an expeditious manner.

Sincerely,
Associated Builders and Contractors, NH/VT

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