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Dear New Hampshire SEC,

New Hampshire has long had to receive its supplies of propane by sea-borne vessels, which is expensive, unreliable, and unresponsive to New Hampshire's supply needs. Sea-3 has developed a project at their own cost to start shipping American-produced propane by rail to a new state-of-the art facility. This is of tremendous benefit to the people of New Hampshire, as they can be assured of a steady, reliable, and cheaper supply of propane to heat their homes. It is my hope that you will vote yes on granting them a certification exemption so they can get this project underway for the people of New Hampshire.

It is simply unfair that residents of New Hampshire continue to bear the cost of expensive foreign-purchased heating fuel and suffer potential shortfalls in winter when a consistent and cheaper alternative is readily available. The SEC can remedy this situation by granting the exemption that is in the best interest of state consumers.

The opponents of this project expansion often fail to note what an improvement the facility is over the status quo. Without this propane handling facility in operation, many local propane dealers will find it necessary to offload bulk propane along railroad stops into their tanker fleets. The problem with this is that these railroad sidings lack safety features inherent in a dedicated use facility. Without automatic cutoffs, water deluge, and fire safety systems such as those inside the Newington terminal, there is far greater risk of accidents and spillages that could endanger communities in our state. This facility is not only a good idea, it is the safer choice.

I believe strongly that Sea-3 should be granted an exemption so this project can start moving forward, and the people of New Hampshire can start saving money on winter heating fuel. This project deserves to move forward quickly, for the benefit of all of New Hampshire. I implore you to vote yes at Sea-3's exemption hearing, so construction can begin immediately.

Regards,



Thomas Byrne