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Attn: Ms. Pamela G. Monroe
New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee
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Dear Ms. Pamela Monroe:

I am writing to you today regarding the proposed Sea 3-facility expansion in Newington. I believe that New Hampshire deserves to have access to safe, less-expensive American-produced propane, and we need the Sea-3 expansion project to manage it. I am asking for your approval of the exemption that will allow Sea-3 to begin construction on this state of the art facility that will benefit so many of us in New Hampshire.

Lots of homes in New Hampshire use propane. 77,000 households plus, at last count. We rely on it, we need it, and Sea-3 has long delivered it safely to us. They are improving the process to ensure we have a constant responsive supply chain using North American propane that can be shipped to us cheaper by rail. The plan for the facility is approved, and the rail lines that were used by opposition as a scare crow have passed all the necessary safety inspections. This facility is an efficient improvement, and there is no reason to stand in the way of the utility buying U.S. propane, shipping it to a safe facility, and us enjoying its many benefits in our homes and schools---all at a more reasonable price. This project needs to come online for the betterment of New Hampshire.

Consumers in New Hampshire should not have to suffer an additional winter of paying a premium for high-priced and potentially unstable supply channels from foreign markets when abundant and inexpensive supplies are available domestically. The SEC needs to do the right thing and grant the exemption that will allow consumers in New Hampshire to start saving money on heating fuel! I'm a retired veteran and I've burned propane myself for 40 years or so, but now the cost of living here is killing us and I'm about ready to sell my property and move south.

There is no real reason for this project to be delayed any longer. The benefits are clear: safer, cheaper, and domestically-produced propane is available to people like me struggling to keep up with the current cost. We should not be forced to continue to purchase higher-priced foreign supplies while a few groundless objections by activists are re-hashed. The facility is state of the art, the rail lines are capable of handling the propane safely, and all of New Hampshire can start saving money. We need a yes vote from you so this project can get started.

Yours sincerely,



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