

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

Sea-3 has provided propane shipped from foreign sources safely to New Hampshire homes for a long time. But times change, and foreign sources have grown expensive to buy and expensive to ship. Fortunately, a new supply has developed--right here in the U.S.A., and Sea-3 has taken the initiative of developing a plan to safely and efficiently receive those supplies by rail in a new state-of-the-art facility in Newington. This project deserves to move forward, and it needs your support at the exemption hearing.

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 Sea-3 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.

Furthermore, a safety study conducted by Sebago Technics has confirmed what Sea-3 has said all along: the facilities and the plan to ship propane by rail meet all applicable safety standards. Sea-3's project has also met the requirements of the town of Newington, which has already approved the new facility. It seems the only thing Sea-3 is waiting for is an exemption from an additional year-long review--a review that seems to be to be an unnecessary delay given all the facts on the ground. There can be no further question that this is a good project, a safe project, and an improvement--and should be given an immediate green light.

Consumers in New Hampshire should not have to suffer an additional winter of paying a premium for high-priced and potentially unstable supplies 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!

The project has met all safety guidelines, and the rail lines have been professionally evaluated for their ability to carry New Hampshire's supply line safely. This project is ready to move forward, and the only thing it needs is for the SEC to grant an exemption from a process that is not only unnecessary, but unnecessarily long. This project deserves a yes vote on the exemption because the project is ready, and the people of New Hampshire deserve to have the cheapest, safest, and most stable supply of winter heating fuel available to them.

Best regards,



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