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New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee  
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Dear New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee:

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.

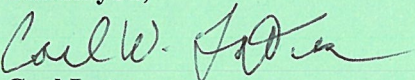
With 77,000 homes in New Hampshire already dependent on propane, and with so much trouble in the world, it is imperative that we secure a constant and uninterrupted supply of propane. Sea-3 is doing that with this project, and sourcing the propane in the US. In short, it's a better system for delivering a safe and clean fuel for our citizens. The facility has been approved, the rail lines that were in question have passed their safety inspections, and it is an improvement over the way propane is handled now, so there is no reason not to move forward with a project that will benefit so many people in our state.

A strong case could be made that not approving the exemption requested by Sea-3 will do far more to endanger both the public and local propane workers than allowing the facility to begin the expansion. The fact is, if this facility is not allowed to receive these rail shipments of propane, then these shipments will happen anyway, but instead of being delivered to a central high-tech facility designed to safely handle large quantities of propane, these deliveries will instead be loaded into tankers all along the rail system directly to dealers. This will be done without the benefit of the highly-trained experts and safety protocols that will exist in the Newington receiving facility. This propane will be put into tankers without automatic shutoffs, water flooding capabilities, or other fire suppression systems. The first time there is some kind of accident under these circumstances, whose fault will it be that this happened? The solution is right in front of us that will prevent that high-risk activity. All you have to do is grant the exemption.

Any SEC delay on Sea-3's exemption for their Newington facility will cost New Hampshire consumers money every day, and the cost will only accelerate in the coldest winter months. Winter weather events have in the past threatened available supply, and this facility will help Sea-3 ensure adequate propane supplies are available by rail no matter the weather.

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. We have the opportunity to purchase lower-cost domestically produced propane that will be delivered through a state of the art receiving facility. It is cheaper, it has passed all safety considerations, and it is progress. 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.

Thank you,



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