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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.

I know there are concerns, but it is my understanding that even if this facility is not approved by the Selection Committee, rail deliveries of propane gas will still happen in New Hampshire, so it is preventing nothing to withhold the requested exemption. In fact, it is doing harm, as instead of regular shipments to a facility offering expert handling and state-of-the-art safety features, propane deliveries will instead be offloaded in smaller loads along the rail line onto local dealer tankers, with almost none of the facility standard safety features like water deluge, auto cut-off and fast fire suppression. Instead, we will have ill-equipped drivers unloading propane along railroad tracks in our state. I think, given this, the concern should be: When will the terminal be operational?

Furthermore, consumers in New Hampshire should not have to suffer any additional winters they don't have to of paying a premium for propane sourced from 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!

We all know lots of homes in New Hampshire use propane. Approximately 77,000. We rely on propane; 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 project needs to come online for the betterment of New Hampshire.

It is imperative, at least to the 77,000 households in New Hampshire that use propane, that this facility begins operations. The sooner it is approved, the sooner they will have access to cheaper, abundant propane sourced right here in the U.S. 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 people of New Hampshire deserve to have the cheapest, safest, and most stable supply of winter heating fuel available to them, and I believe this project will provide that.

Yours sincerely,

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