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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, it is imperative that we secure a constant and uninterrupted supply of propane. Sea-3 is doing that with this project by sourcing the propane in the US. In short, it's a better system for delivering propane to 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.

In fact, 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 go operational. The fact is, if this facility is not allowed to receive these rail shipments of propane, then these shipments will still occur, 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 terminal. This propane will be put into tankers without automatic shutoffs, water flooding capabilities, or other fire suppression systems as safeguards. This is no way to do things when a better plan is available. All we need is the exemption for Sea-3's facility.

Furthermore, 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 caused price spikes, 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 has passed all safety considerations, and it is improving the infrastructure in our state. I implore you to vote yes at Sea-3's exemption hearing, so construction can begin immediately.

Sincerely,

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