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Attn: Ms. Pamela G. Monroe, Administrator
New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee
21 South Fruit Street
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Concord, NH 03301

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.

77,000 households in New Hampshire use propane. We rely on 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 safety concern 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 securing a constant supply chain to start limiting the upward price spikes for propane we experience during sporadic winter shortages for sea-shipped supplies.

I understand the opposition group's concerns with this project; however, 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 withholding the exemption changes nothing. 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 along the rail line by local dealer tanker drivers with questionable equipment and training, and access to almost none of the facility standard safety features like water deluge, auto cut-off and fast fire suppression. Instead, we will have drivers along railroad tracks taking risks that no trained facility worker would ever dream of.

There is also no reason that our state should not start buying propane produced right here in the US. It's cheaper, there is a stable, and secure supply, and utilizing it should not be blocked by a very few number of people in Portsmouth who have taken a dislike to the idea of rail-shipped propane.

The benefits of this expansion are clear: safer, cheaper, and domestically-produced propane is available to New Hampshire. 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 this project has met all the applicable requirements and should be allowed the exemption. We need a yes vote from you so this project can get started.

With thanks for your time and consideration,



Paula Chandler

