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Dear New Hampshire SEC Members,

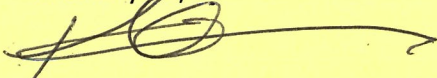
New Hampshire has long had to receive its supplies of propane by sea-borne vessels, which is expensive, unreliable, and unresponsive to New Hampshire's supply needs. Sea-3 has developed a project at their own cost to start shipping American-produced propane by rail to a new state-of-the art facility. 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 Sea-3 a certification exemption so they can get this project underway for the people of New Hampshire.

77,000 homes in New Hampshire depend on propane for heat in our cold winters. We should not stand in the way 1 day longer of their opportunity to obtain less expensive propane by way of a modern facility with a demonstrated safety record and a plan for trained people to expertly handle clean-burning propane.

I understand there is opposition from a small group in Portsmouth. What the opponents of this project expansion often fail to note is what an improvement the facility is over the status quo. Without this propane handling expansion in operation, many local propane dealers will find it necessary to offload bulk propane along railroad stops into their tanker fleets. The problem with this is that these railroad sidings lack safety features inherent in a dedicated use facility. Without automatic cutoffs, water deluge, and fire safety systems such as those inside the Newington terminal, there is greater risk of accidents that could endanger our communities. This facility is not only more efficient; it is the safer choice.

Finally, I would just like to say that it is not very fair that residents of New Hampshire continue to bear the cost of expensive foreign-purchased heating fuel and suffer potential shortfalls in winter when a cheaper alternative is readily available. We have the opportunity to purchase 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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