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Dear New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee:

In regards to Sea-3's expansion exemption, I urge you unreservedly to vote yes. The project will benefit thousands of residents of New Hampshire, it is being done at the Sea-3's cost, and it will provide us with a cheaper and more stable supply of propane to heat our homes. This facility is progress for New Hampshire, and it will provide immediate benefits. Please support the Sea-3 expansion exemption!

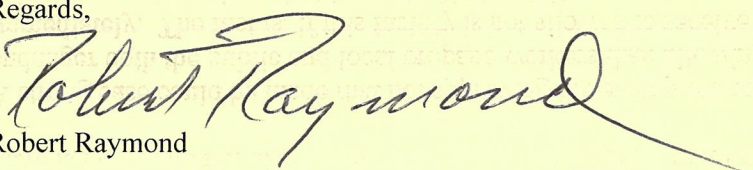
With 77,000 homes in New Hampshire already dependent on propane, and with so much trouble in the world, it is imperative that we secure a constant and uninterrupted supply of propane. Sea-3 is doing that with this project, at their own cost, and sourcing the propane in the US. In short, it's a better system for delivering the benefits of 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 it 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 receiving shipments immediately. The fact is, if this facility is not allowed to receive these rail shipments of propane, then these shipments will continue, 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.

New Hampshire will have access to cheaper, abundant, American-produced propane, all handled by a facility purpose-built for handling and distributing large volumes of heating fuel. We cannot deny how beneficial it will be to New Hampshire; the SEC needs to grant this exemption, so New Hampshire can start reaping those benefits. I ask that you vote yes on this exemption request.

Regards,

  
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