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New Hampshire's cold winter climate makes us vulnerable to the supply of foreign propane producers. It is also expensive to ship by sea, and the supply chain is unresponsive to winter events. However, things have changed in America, and we now have a cheaper and more reliable supply available to us from domestic sources that can be shipped by rail. Sea-3 has planned for this, and has a facility ready to go that will receive this rail-borne propane safely and efficiently at a state of the art facility. This is a good project for us in New Hampshire, and Sea-3 deserves an immediate approval to move forward with this plan.

I understand there is opposition. 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 facility 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 proposed Newington terminal, there is far greater risk of accidents and spillages that could endanger communities in our state. This facility does not only offer economic benefits; it is the safer choice.

In closing, I would just like to say that I find it wrong that residents of New Hampshire continue to bear the cost of expensive foreign-purchased heating fuel and suffer potential shortfalls and price spikes in winter when a consistent and cheaper alternative is readily available. The SEC can remedy this situation by granting the exemption that is in the best interest of state consumers. I urge you to quickly grant Sea-3's exemption. They have done all the groundwork, passed all the safety requirements, and there are frankly no reasons to prevent New Hampshire from having access to less-expensive domestically-sourced propane with a stable and secure supply chain sourced right here in America.

Regards,



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Dear New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee:

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 Inc. is trying to do that with their new 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 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 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.

Regarding the opposition's safety concerns, 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 operations. 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 propane will be put into tankers without automatic shutoffs, water flooding capabilities, or other fire suppression systems. That doesn't sound better or safer than the facility at Newington.

I urge you to quickly grant Sea-3's exemption. They have done all the groundwork, and passed all the safety requirements, and there are frankly no reasons to prevent New Hampshire from having access to less-expensive domestically-sourced propane with a stable and secure supply chain right here in the U.S. We are going to have bad winters again, and knowing that we have the capability to meet peak demands for winter weather events should make all of us feel better. This project is progress. It is safe, and its operation saves New Hampshire citizens money. There is no reason to wait another year on this.

Regards,



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