



REVISED 10/15 PGL

The Senate of the State of New Hampshire

107 North Main Street, Concord, N.H. 03301-4951

CHARLES W. MORSE
President of the Senate

State House, Room 302
(603) 271-8472

October 16, 2015

Timothy W. Drew
Administrator
NH Site Evaluation Committee
29 Hazen Drive, Box 95
Concord, NH 03302-0095

Dear Mr. Drew,

I recently met with representatives from a local propane company from my district about a number of public policy issues that are impacting their business and customers. Among the more important issues we discussed is the availability of propane during the winter months. They are growing increasingly concerned that given the growth in the market for propane and the changing way in which the fuel is transported to New Hampshire, the state lacks the storage capacity needed to ensure that the volumes required for home heating will be available during the coldest times of the year.

The Site Evaluation Committee is currently considering a request for an exemption from the full-adjudicated proceeding, as is allowed for under state law, for an expanded storage and loading and unloading facility in Newington, NH operated by Sea-3. This facility, which has been in operation for many years is seeking to help address the propane supply issues which I believe, is of meaningful importance to our state. In addition, it is my understanding that the expansion project has received all its local permits from the Newington planning and zoning boards and does not need additional state approvals.

The propane dealer that I met with indicated that this winter shortage issues has been a problem for several years, and needs to be addressed as soon as possible. They do not want to be in a situation where they are unable to get fuel to homeowners when it is needed. In addition, they believe that if the transporting and storage issues can be addressed, that prices will also be reduced.

Given the real need for New Hampshire to address its energy infrastructure issues and need to address propane supply issues in the winter months, I would urge the Site Evaluation Committee to grant the exemption requested by the project and advance the regulatory ball on this project.

Thank you for your consideration of these requests.

Sincerely

Chuck W. Morse
Senate President