

TOWN OF AUBURN

October 26, 2015



Martin Honigberg, Chairman
Thomas Burack
Roger Hawk
New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee
21 South Fruit Street
Concord, NH 03301

Re: SEA-3, INC., SEC Docket No. 2015-01

To the Members of the Committee:


We are writing to in support of SEA-3, Inc.'s request for an exemption from full review by the NH Site Evaluation Committee of SEA-3's proposed expansion of its propane storage and distribution facility in the Town of Newington. The SEA-3 site has been a long-standing industrial use in Newington, which has supplied local Granite State communities with propane for 40 years from its facility.

We believe the residents of the Town of Auburn will benefit from having an abundant, stable, local supply of propane, which has become a significant residential heating fuel choice for new residential construction in our community. An additional layer of contested review before the Site Evaluation Committee will only delay expanding and stabilizing the price and supply of propane in New Hampshire.

Under such circumstance, we believe that the extensive site plan review conducted by the Newington Planning Board of the SEA-3 site plan application should be deferred to by the New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee. This is a modest expansion of an existing propane distribution and storage facility, a facility that has an exemplary safety record.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
BOARD OF SELECTMEN


James F. Headd, Chairman


Richard W. Eaton, Selectman


Dale W. Phillips, Selectman