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Dear New Hampshire SEC,

New Hampshire's cold climate always makes us vulnerable to the whims of foreign producers. That has changed for us, and we now have a cheaper and more reliable supply available to us from domestic sources that can be shipped by rail. Sea-3's project to access these supplies deserves an immediate approval to move forward.

The opponents of this project expansion often fail to note 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 Newington terminal, there is far greater risk of accidents and spillages that could endanger communities in our state. This facility is not only a good idea; it is the safer choice.

77,000 homes in New Hampshire depend on propane for heat in our cold winters. It is simply unfair that residents of New Hampshire continue to bear the cost of expensive foreign-purchased heating fuel and suffer potential shortfalls 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. The people of New Hampshire deserve to have the cost of their energy reduced.

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. 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, it has met its safety obligations, and its operation saves New Hampshire citizens money. There is no reason to wait another year on this.

Sincerely,

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