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Dear SEC Committee Members,

New Hampshire has the opportunity to obtain a long term supply of American-sourced propane delivered safely and efficiently by rail, replacing expensive foreign-shipped propane. The Sea-3 project is ready to start construction, and it needs an exemption from another long and unnecessary study period that will only confirm what other exhaustive safety standards checks have already done: tell us that this project is safe and is good for New Hampshire. I ask you to vote yes so this project can get started.

It is no accident that 77,000 households in New Hampshire rely on propane for heating their homes. It is cost-effective, clean-burning, and has been handled safely for years. Now Sea-3 wants to use a reliable and cheaper domestic supply shipped by rail to a dedicated unloading facility. Why wouldn't we want that? It's already been approved by the town, the safety study for the rail was satisfactory, and it is good for the people in our state who rely on propane to heat their homes. This is progress for both our state and the country, and we have no reason to hold it up any longer.

We know the Site Evaluation Committee has in its possession a safety study of the project performed by Sebago Technics, and this study discovered no reasons that this project could not deliver propane safely using the rail lines. The town of Newington's Planning and Zoning Board have already approved Sea-3's expansion proposal, and thus this project should move forward without further delay.

If the SEC waits to grant Sea-3's exemption to upgrade their Newington terminal, New Hampshire citizens are the ones who will continue paying the price in higher propane costs and potential supply disruptions. It is all the more critical as we head into the colder months that the SEC acts quickly. The project will take time, and we want it to come on line as soon as possible.

The expansion of Sea-3's propane handling terminal in Newington is vital to the energy security of New Hampshire. This facility will ensure we have safe, dependable, and cheaper supplies of American-produced propane available to the 77,000 households in New Hampshire that use it. The project has passed all safety and legal tests, in addition to the state's own safety inspection of the rail lines. Newington's Planning and Zoning board has already approved it. So, for the benefit of all of New Hampshire, I strongly encourage you to grant the requested exemption and allow this facility to soon start saving New Hampshire money on winter heating fuel!

Yours sincerely,

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