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Dear SEC Committee Members,

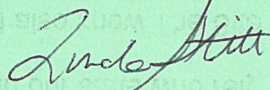
Sea-3 has provided propane shipped from foreign sources safely to New Hampshire homes for a long time. But times change, and foreign sources have grown expensive to buy and expensive to ship. Fortunately, a new supply has developed--right here in the U.S.A., and Sea-3 has taken the initiative of developing a plan to safely and efficiently receive those supplies by rail in a new state-of-the-art facility in Newington. This project deserves to move forward, and it needs your support at the exemption hearing.

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. This is progress for both our state and the country.

I also 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. The project will take time, and we want it to come on line as soon as possible. The sooner it is approved, the sooner New Hampshire will have access to cheaper, abundant propane sourced right here in the U.S. This project is ready to move forward, and the only thing it needs is for the SEC to grant an exemption from a process that is not only unnecessary, but unnecessarily long. Withholding the exemption means that New Hampshire residents will be the ones who pay the price, in higher heating fuel costs, and potential supply disruptions from foreign-based suppliers shipping by sea. This project deserves a yes vote on the exemption because the people of New Hampshire deserve to have the cheapest, safest, and most stable supply of winter heating fuel available to them.

With thanks for your time and consideration,



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