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Dear Ms. Pamela Monroe:

I am writing to you today regarding the proposed Sea 3-facility expansion in Newington.

I believe that New Hampshire deserves to have access to safe, less-expensive, American-produced propane, and we need the Sea-3 expansion project to manage it. I am asking for your approval of the exemption that will allow Sea-3 to begin construction on this state of the art facility that will benefit so many of us in New Hampshire.

Lots of homes in New Hampshire use propane. 77,000 households, at last count. We rely on it, and Sea-3 has long delivered it safely to us. They are improving the process to ensure we have a constant responsive supply chain using North American propane that can be shipped to us cheaper by rail. The plan for the facility is approved, and the rail lines that were used by opposition as a scare crow have passed all the necessary safety inspections. This project needs to come online for the betterment of New Hampshire.

It is my understanding that even if this facility is not approved by the Selection Committee, rail deliveries of propane gas will happen in New Hampshire, so withholding the requested exemption prevents nothing. In fact, it is doing harm, as instead of regular shipments to a facility offering expert handling and state-of-the-art safety features, propane deliveries will instead be offloaded along the rail line onto dealer trucks with none of the facility safety features like water deluge, auto cut-off and fast fire suppression. Instead, we will have ill-equipped drivers unloading along the rail lines. This cannot be a better situation than granting the exemption.

Consumers in New Hampshire should also not have to suffer an additional winter of paying a premium for high-priced and potentially unstable supply channels from foreign markets when abundant and inexpensive supplies are available domestically. The SEC needs to do the right thing and grant the exemption that will allow consumers in New Hampshire to start saving money on heating fuel!

The benefits of this project are clear: safer, cheaper, domestically-produced propane is available to New Hampshire. We should not be forced to continue to purchase higher-priced foreign supplies while a few groundless objections by activists are re-hashed. The facility is state of the art and the rail lines are capable of handling the propane safely. This project has met all the applicable requirements and should be allowed the exemption. We need a yes vote from you so this project can get started.

With thanks for your time and consideration,

Bruce Rice

