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Dear SEC Committee Members,

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.

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, and we have no reason to hold it up any longer.

If Sea-3 is not granted an exemption from this long-term review, we actually open our state up to substantial risk. Instead of having Sea-3's highly-trained facility employees unloading propane using task-specific state-of-the-art hardware with built-in safety features, there will be truck drivers and other lightly trained personnel hooking up hoses at railroad stops without things like automatic cutoffs, water deluge technology, and fire suppression systems. Is this really what we want for New Hampshire? We can do better than that.

There is no real reason for this project to be delayed any longer. The benefits are clear: safer, cheaper, and 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, the rail lines are capable of handling the propane safely, and all of New Hampshire can start saving money. This project has met all the applicable requirements and should be allowed the exemption. All of New Hampshire benefits as soon as it is done. We need a yes vote from you so this project can get started.

