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Dear New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee:

New Hampshire's cold winter climate has always made us vulnerable to the often sketchy supply chain of foreign producers. It is also expensive to ship by sea, and the supply chain is unresponsive to winter events. Well, things have changed in America, and we now have a cheaper and more reliable supply available to us from domestic sources that can be shipped by rail. This is a good project for New Hampshire, and Sea-3 deserves an immediate approval to move forward with this facility.

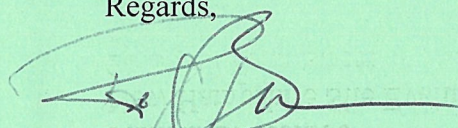
With 77,000 homes in New Hampshire already dependent on propane, it is imperative that we secure an uninterruptible supply of propane. Sea-3 is doing that with this project, at their own cost, and sourcing the propane in the US. The facility has been approved, the rail lines that were in question have passed their safety inspections, and it is an improvement over the way it is handled now, so there is no reason not to move forward with a project that will benefit so many people in our state.

A strong case could be made that not approving the exemption requested by Sea-3 will do far more to endanger us than allowing the facility to begin operation. If this facility is not allowed to receive these rail shipments of propane, then shipments will continue, but instead of being delivered to a central purpose-built high-tech facility, these deliveries will instead be loaded into tankers all along the rail system directly to dealers. This will be done without the benefit of the highly-trained experts and safety protocols that will exist in the Newington receiving facility. This propane will be put into tankers without automatic shutoffs, water flooding capabilities, or other fire suppression systems. It can be done more safely at Newington. All you have to do is grant the exemption.

Sea-3 has a long history of safe operation, and has met all necessary and applicable safety and legal requirements to be granted an exemption for their facility upgrade, but the noisy voices of a very few people in Portsmouth have held this project up from a deserved approval. This has in turn blocked residents of New Hampshire from access to the new American-produced propane supplies available by rail. This small minority of activists should not be allowed to hold up progress when they can demonstrate no downsides or quantifiable risks associated with the project. This project is good for New Hampshire.

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. There is no reason to wait another year on this.

Regards,



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