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Dear New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee:

With 77,000 homes in New Hampshire already dependent on propane, it is imperative that we secure a constant and uninterrupted supply of propane.

Sea-3 Inc. is trying to do that with their new project, at their own cost, and sourcing the propane in the US. In short, it's a better system for delivering the benefits of a safe and clean fuel to our citizens. 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.

Regarding the opposition's safety concerns, a strong case could be made that not approving the exemption requested by Sea-3 will do far more to endanger both the public and local propane workers than allowing the facility to begin operations. The fact is, if this facility is not allowed to receive these rail shipments of propane, then these shipments will continue, but instead of being delivered to a central high-tech facility designed to safely handle large quantities of propane, these deliveries will instead be loaded into tankers all along the rail system directly to dealers. This propane will be put into tankers without automatic shutoffs, water flooding capabilities, or other fire suppression systems. That doesn't sound better or safer than the facility at Newington.

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 right here in the U.S. We are going to have bad winters again, and knowing that we have the capability to meet peak demands for winter weather events should make all of us feel better. This project is progress. It is safe, and its operation saves New Hampshire citizens money. There is no reason to wait another year on this.

Regards,



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