Martin P. Honigberg, Chairman **Site Evaluation Committee** c/o NH Public Utilities Commission 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10 Concord, NH 03301-2429



Subject: Docket 2015-01 Sea-3 Request for exemption from a full Site Evaluation Committee project review.

Dear Mr. Honigberg:

I am a resident of the City of Portsmouth living in close proximity to the Pan Am Railroad tracks that are to be used for transporting Liquified Petroleum Gas (LPG) to the proposed Sea-3 terminal expansion in the Town of Newington.

Because of the potential adverse economic, safety, and environmental impacts on the City of Portsmouth, the Newington Planning Board was asked by the City of Portsmouth and a group of residents, which I was a part of, to conduct comprehensive safety/security and environmental impact studies, to insure that the public health, safety and welfare of the public is protected. The Newington Planning Board refused to do so. As a result, the City of Portsmouth filed appeals with the Rockingham County Superior Court and the Newington Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA). The ZBA denied the appeal and a request for reconsideration. The appeal before the Superior Court remains pending as of this date.

I am strongly opposed to the Sea-3 request for an exemption from a full application and review of their expansion project. It is our understanding that a function of the Site Evaluation Committee is to "ensure that the construction and operation of energy facilities is treated as a significant aspect of land-use planning in which all environmental economic and technical issues are resolved in an integrated fashion." We further understand that recent changes to law also provides the SEC with the authority to determine whether project is in the public interest.

In the absence of Sea-3 providing a full application and a comprehensive review of that application by the SEC, it is my humble opinion that the request for an exemption be denied.

Thank you for your consideration of my concerns.

Sincerely,

John Sutherland

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CC: Jane Murray, DES