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Martin P. Honigberg, Chairman
Site Evaluation Committee
c/o NH Public Utilities Commission
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RE: DOCKET 2015-01 Sea-3 request for exemption from a full Site Evaluation Committee project review

Dear Mr. Honigberg:

I am one of the property abutters and citizens who have sat through long hours of hearings and meetings in an attempt to convince the Newington Planning Board to order a comprehensive safety, security, health and environmental impact study before the Board approves a proposed expansion by Sea-3. Unfortunately this expansion involves bringing trains of up to 16 cars of propane almost daily into the Sea-3 terminal in Newington. These trains would run perilously close to a precious environmental eco-system, The Great Bay, and on through residential neighborhoods of the City of Portsmouth, right through the downtown, then close to the Piscataqua River, and past more Portsmouth residential neighborhoods before reaching the site.

During recent snow storms, I have looked at parked railway cars from my window, and wondered, as I always do, how emergency teams could reach this particular stretch of track in a timely fashion should there be an accident. Then I learned that in the past ten days two engines were derailed on this very stretch of track. Any kind of accident with propane here or on the rest of the route could mean disaster for the surrounding and even wider community.

And yet Newington, ignoring our requests, refused to order the safety and environmental impact study allowed under their Site Plan Review Regulations. This despite protests of citizens and the City of Portsmouth. And now, further, the Newington Planning Board asks exemption from full review of the Sea-3 expansion plan by the state's Site Evaluation Committee.

I think the best way to understand this issue from the point of view of my fellow citizens is to WALK THESE TRACKS. This walk presents a dramatic picture of the concerns of citizens who are worried about the impact of long trains of propane cars, moving daily where we live and work.

I request that the SEC deny Newington's request for exemption. And that you exercise DUE PROCESS by ordering that Newington conduct a legitimate and impartial study of the regional impact of this proposed expansion. This study must address the legitimate concerns of Newington abutters for public safety, health and environmental protection.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely

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