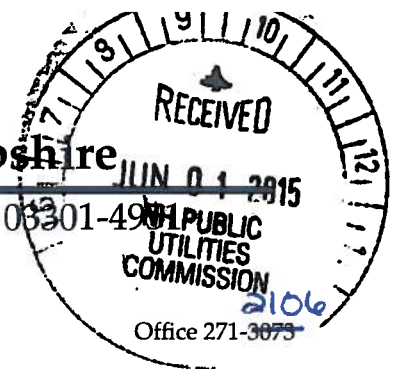




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Mr. Martin Honigberg, Chairman
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Dear Chairman Honigberg,

As a member of the New Hampshire State Senate and as Chairman of the Senate Energy Committee, I am writing to you regarding a matter currently before the Site Evaluation Committee that addresses the expansion of SEA-3, Inc.'s existing propane storage and handling facility in Newington. Specifically, SEA-3 is requesting an exemption from the full approval and certificate provisions of RSA 162-H administered by the SEC. I understand that SEA-3 has gained all of its local and state permits for the planned improvements, and it appears to be exactly the type of project for which a new state law¹ provides an exemption provision.

While I fully appreciate that SEA-3's expansion is one that needs to be determined by the SEC based on the record before it, I believe it is important for the process to fully acknowledge that it is an important part of our energy needs. There is an existing and growing problem of inadequate supplies of propane in New Hampshire and throughout the region, especially during winter months. The SEA-3 storage project is a critical element in the state's and the region's strategy to address this shortage.

It is part of the SEC's role to help address energy supply and ensure that projects like the SEA-3 expansion are not unduly disrupted; RSA 162-H: 1 states that undue delay in the construction of new energy facilities be avoided. The availability of lower cost gas and propane from the mid-Atlantic shale fields is having a large impact on energy prices throughout the country, but they are not yet making their way to New Hampshire. Unfortunately, limited transportation, distribution and handling facilities are making it difficult for lower cost fuels to impact New Hampshire's economy. Swiftly removing these obstacles will help ensure that New Hampshire's businesses and households are not disadvantaged because they are not able to access lower cost fuels.

As the SEC is well aware, the issues associated with supply and energy costs are major issues New Hampshire has faced over the past few years. While many of these issues are hard for state government or the legislature to address, the issue of siting is one of the few areas where the State can have an impact. As we begin to address our current energy constraint issues and send

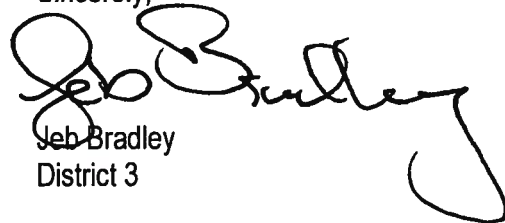
¹ <http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/legislation/2014/SB0245.html>

both market and public policy messages that we want to see more energy facilities developed, we need to ensure that our government permitting and siting agencies are up to the job and are able to get projects approved.

In large measure, SB 245, which the NH Legislature and I worked very hard on in 2013 and 2014, was designed to ensure efficiency in the SEC process. As cases like the SEA-3 expansion advance through the process, this new law will be watched closely to see that its implementation meets the legislative intent. I am concerned that, as we now see developers begin to make investments and assessments for our needs, New Hampshire does not send the wrong regulatory signals.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter and for your ongoing work on the SEC.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeb Bradley". The signature is stylized and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

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