

Rodvien, Emma (PUC)

From: pmtudino@cox.net pmtudino@cox.net <pmtudino@cox.net>
Sent: Tuesday, June 15, 2021 1:16 PM
To: Rodvien, Emma (PUC)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] : SEA 3 LPG Expansion

Dear EFSB,

My name is Peter Tudino from North Scituate, RI. I am submitting comments in favor of requiring a full review of the Sea 3 proposed Liquified Propane Gas expansion. I am requesting that EFSB to do the following:

The Energy Facility Siting Board must determine that the Sea 3 Providence expansion is an “alteration to a major energy facility” and require a full application and review by the Board

The EFSB must extend the public comment period at least another 2 months

The EFSB must have the full review include cumulative health and safety impacts

This project, as an expansion of fossil fuel infrastructure in a heavily overburdened, BIPOC community, without robust public engagement no less, requires this.

State law requires a full application and approval from the EFSB if the expansion is an “alteration” to the existing facility. According to Rhode Island General Law § 42-98-3(b), an “alteration” is “a significant modification to a major energy facility, which, as determined by the board, will result in a significant impact on the environment, or the public health, safety, and welfare.” Sea 3 denies it requires a full review but their application is self-contradictory. How can a facility that does not constitute an alteration of “an existing energy facility” be necessary “to meet the future demand for LPG in the region”?

Also, because the proposed expansion of this facility may result in a significant increase in diesel emissions within the port area, which is already overburdened with polluting industrial activities and truck traffic, the potential growth in operations necessarily encourages and supports more use of fossil fuels. This is inconsistent with Rhode Island’s long-term climate change goals and binding emissions reductions as well as Providence’s Climate Justice Plan.

Lastly, because the proposal raises public safety concerns – it must be fully vetted by the EFSB before it is approved.

I urge the EFSB to require a full review of this fossil fuel expansion to recognize the disproportionate environmental impacts on the local communities by greenlighting this project.

Thank you,

Peter Tudino

North Scituate, RI

Rodvien, Emma (PUC)

From: adam_friedberg@brown.edu
Sent: Monday, June 14, 2021 7:31 AM
To: Rodvien, Emma (PUC)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] : Sea 3 LPG expansion needs full review

Dear EFSB,

My name is Adam Friedberg from Providence and I am a medical and PhD student at Brown. I am submitting a comment in favor of requiring a full review of the Sea 3 proposed Liquified Propane Gas expansion due to the concerns of the potential health and safety impacts this expansion will have. RIH already sees the widespread illness induced by the present accumulation of fossil fuels in the south Providence community, so any increase in those environmental hazard would only increase burden on local communities. In preservation of preventative medicine and environmental equity, please investigate the Sea 3 proposal so that our communities do not suffer from preventable diseases driven by city and state level financial decisions.

Sincerely,

Adam Friedberg

Sent from my iPhone

Rodvien, Emma (PUC)

From: Joseph Tudino <jptudino@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 14, 2021 1:35 PM
To: Rodvien, Emma (PUC)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] : SEA 3 LPG EXPANSION

Dear EFSB,

My name is Joseph Tudino from Scituate and I am submitting comments in favor of requiring a full review of the Sea 3 proposed Liquified Propane Gas expansion.

I am calling on EFSB to do the following:

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Second, because the proposed expansion of this facility may result in a significant increase in diesel emissions within the Port area, which is already overburdened with polluting industrial activities and truck traffic, the potential growth in operations necessarily encourages and supports more use of fossil fuels. This is inconsistent with Rhode Island’s long-term climate change goals and binding emissions reductions as well as Providence’s Climate Justice Plan.

Third, because the proposal raises public safety concerns – it must be fully vetted by the EFSB before it is approved.

I urge the EFSB to require a full review of this fossil fuel expansion and to recognize the horrendous and disproportionate environmental impacts on the local communities by greenlighting this project.

Thank you,

Joseph Tudino
Scituate RI