

Rodvien, Emma (PUC)

From: Andy <agoldman97@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 15, 2021 9:58 AM
To: Rodvien, Emma (PUC)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] : Public Comment on Sea 3 Expansion

Hello,

I wish to submit public comment on Sea 3 Providence LLC's petition for a declaratory judgement. As a resident of Providence, I am deeply concerned by the company's assertion that their proposal does not constitute an alteration of a major energy facility. This expansion clearly represents an alteration and should be subjected to full review by the Board. Furthermore, the expansion of fossil fuel infrastructure, particularly in low income neighborhoods, is inimical to the state's environmental and climate goals. The project should be thoroughly reviewed and duly rejected.

Thank you for entering this public comment.

Kindly,
Andy Goldman

Rodvien, Emma (PUC)

From: Fiona <f.r.kirkland@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 15, 2021 9:31 AM
To: Rodvien, Emma (PUC)
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Fiona Kirkland

Rodvien, Emma (PUC)

From: Woods, Christopher <christopher_woods@brown.edu>
Sent: Saturday, May 15, 2021 9:20 AM
To: Rodvien, Emma (PUC)
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Kindly,
Chris Woods

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Rodvien, Emma (PUC)

From: Ding Ding Wei <ding_ding_wei@brown.edu>
Sent: Friday, May 14, 2021 4:31 PM
To: Rodvien, Emma (PUC)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] : Sea 3 LPG Expansion needs full review

Dear EFSB,

My name is Ding Wei, a student living in Providence, RI, 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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Thank you,

Ding Wei

Rodvien, Emma (PUC)

From: Zamagee Artis <zamagee_artis@brown.edu>
Sent: Friday, May 14, 2021 12:41 PM
To: Rodvien, Emma (PUC)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] : Sea 3 LPG Expansion needs full review

Dear EFSB,

My name is Zamagee Artis, I'm a Rhode Island voter, a student at Brown University and an organizer with the Sunrise Movement in Rhode Island. I am submitting comments in favor of requiring a full review of the Sea 3 proposed Liquefied Propane Gas expansion.

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Rodvien, Emma (PUC)

From: Peter JTS <peter@jtsjewelry.com>
Sent: Friday, May 14, 2021 12:12 PM
To: Rodvien, Emma (PUC)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] : Sea 3 LPG expansion needs full review

Dear EFSB,

My name is Peter Eacuello from Cranston, RI and I am submitting comments in favor of requiring a full review of the Sea 3 proposed Liquified Propane Gas expansion.

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Peter Eacuello

Rodvien, Emma (PUC)

From: Jon Woodson <transuranium@fastmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 14, 2021 10:21 AM
To: Rodvien, Emma (PUC)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] : Sea 3 LPG Expansion needs full review

Dear EFSB,

My name is Jon Woodson_____ from _124 Alabama Ave. Providence RI 02905_____ and I am submitting comments in favor of requiring a full review of the Sea 3 proposed Liquified Propane Gas expansion.

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Thank you,

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Jon Woodson
transuranium@fastmail.com

Rodvien, Emma (PUC)

From: Jocelyn Jolon <jocelynjolon@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, May 14, 2021 5:41 AM
To: Rodvien, Emma (PUC)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] : Sea 3 LPG Expansion needs full review

Dear EFSB,

My name is Jocelyn Jolon Gamez from Providence, RI and I am submitting comments in favor of requiring a full review of the Sea 3 proposed Liquified Propane Gas expansion.

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Thank you,
Jocelyn Jolon Gamez

Rodvien, Emma (PUC)

From: David Gable <DGABLE@hocongas.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 13, 2021 9:39 PM
To: Rodvien, Emma (PUC)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] : Blackline application for rail facility

Dear Ms. Rodvien,

My name is David Gable. I am the owner of Hocon gas, a CT based propane retail business founded by my father in 1952. I am writing this note to you in order to voice my support for Blackline's application for a rail facility in conjunction with the Providence propane storage terminal they took over few years ago. That facility was the backbone for the industry since it was constructed in the 1960's I believe. At that time propane was being imported from around the globe, at that time mainly Venezuela. America wasn't able to keep up with the growing demand for this heating fuel from both propane customers and to help the natural gas industry meet demand during colder than normal winters when their pipeline infrastructure couldn't.

The propane industry grew to depend on the Providence facility until we began to discover new sources of propane domestically (especially in western Pennsylvania and eastern Ohio) and imported gas was no longer cost effective. That facility shut down and a number of rail terminals were built throughout the nation to help restore the supply demand balance.

So supply of propane is not a problem but adequate storage is and it takes too long to get rail cars where you need them during times of excessive demand without a lot of expensive and difficult to permit storage. The Providence facility has the capacity to store some 17 million gallons of propane. Even though the industry has constructed these propane rail facilities throughout the northeast, none of them have large storage. When an unusually cold winter or other weather issue strikes and demand spikes, a facility with large storage is important to keep the homes and businesses warm. Providence has that capability. Adding rail would make it even more reliable.

Although everyone is all about electrifying everything these days, one day people will begin to realize that the decarbonization of America will not be so easy. In order to make electric vehicles and the batteries that go in them, a tremendous amount of mining is required that is an extremely labor intensive, dirty and water consuming process and some 80% of the lithium required for those batteries is mined in China, a nation we are not exactly on the best of terms with.

Propane on the other hand, is a "carbon light" fuel and actually produces less greenhouse gas than an electric vehicle getting its power from a natural gas power plant! America was a wood based society, then coal, oil (which we clearly moving away from) and now gas and electricity. But there is no one answer to our energy needs and there is a place for gaseous fuels in the energy supply equation. Energy security is really important. Just look at what happened with the Colonial gasoline pipeline. Reliable supply is important. Blackline's application for rail to supplement their import terminal should be allowed for that reason, in my opinion.

Thank you,

David Gable
Hocon Gas
6 Armstrong Rd. 3rd floor
Shelton, CT 06484
203-925-0600

Rodvien, Emma (PUC)

From: Zachary Harris-Grosky <zachary_harris1@brown.edu>
Sent: Thursday, May 13, 2021 9:12 PM
To: Rodvien, Emma (PUC)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] : Sea 3 LPG Expansion needs full review

Dear EFSB,

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

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Zach

Rodvien, Emma (PUC)

From: Nelson Timothee <nelsontimothee@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 13, 2021 8:54 PM
To: Rodvien, Emma (PUC)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] : objection to fossil fuel expansion in the Port of Providence

Greetings,

I am writing to say that I am fully opposed to any expansion of any development by Sea 3 Providence in the Port of Providence. I have read on it and the consequences for nearby populations and as I am a resident of Rhode Island, I am voicing my strong opposition to this project. As many others oppose, please do not proceed ahead and discuss alternatives with the local residents.

Sincerely,

Nelson

Rodvien, Emma (PUC)

From: Liyahh J <jaliyahdj@icloud.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 13, 2021 8:30 PM
To: Rodvien, Emma (PUC)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] : Sea 3 LPG Expansion needs full review

Dear EFSB,

My name is Jaliyah Joseph from Black Lives Matter RI PAC and I am submitting comments in favor of requiring a full review of the Sea 3 proposed Liquified Propane Gas expansion.

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Rodvien, Emma (PUC)

From: Prateek Joshi <prateek_joshi@alumni.brown.edu>
Sent: Thursday, May 13, 2021 8:28 PM
To: Rodvien, Emma (PUC)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] : Sea 3 LPG Expansion needs full review

Dear EFSB,

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

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Prateek Joshi

Rodvien, Emma (PUC)

From: Jaroma, Nicholas J. <njaroma_2573@email.ric.edu>
Sent: Thursday, May 13, 2021 8:17 PM
To: Rodvien, Emma (PUC)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] : Sea 3 LPG expansion needs full review

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

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Nicholas Jaroma

Rodvien, Emma (PUC)

From: Mariano Abreu <marianonew2012@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 13, 2021 7:05 PM
To: Rodvien, Emma (PUC)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] : Sea 3 LPG Expansion needs full review

Dear EFSB,

My name is _____Mariano Abreu__ from Washington Park, RI _____ and I am submitting comments in favor of requiring a full review of the Sea 3 proposed Liquified Propane Gas expansion.

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Rodvien, Emma (PUC)

From: Janisha Martinez <janishamartinez1@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 13, 2021 6:48 PM
To: Rodvien, Emma (PUC)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] : Sea 3 LPG Expansion needs full review

Dear EFSB,

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

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Sent: Thursday, May 13, 2021 5:10 PM
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From: Joanne Ermer <je@palmergas.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 11, 2021 2:25 PM
To: Rodvien, Emma (PUC)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] : Comments in Support of Sea 3 Providence's petition for Rail Service

Good afternoon,

I am writing today as a member of the propane industry in support of Sea 3's petition for rail service. Propane is a clean-burning EPA recognized alternative energy to over 50,000 residential homes, as well as to commercial and agricultural customers across the Ocean State. Propane is affordable and can be used in place of more carbon intensive energies in environmental justice zones. Rail service will allow further clean energy innovation to fight climate change by allowing our industry to explore renewable propane options for our customers.

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Sincerely,

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Rodvien, Emma (PUC)

From: Christine Richardson-Quimby <crichardson-quimby@lampreyenergy.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2021 12:48 PM
To: Rodvien, Emma (PUC)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] : Comments in Support of Sea 3 Providence's petition for Rail Service

Dear Emma,

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Sincerely,

Chris Richardson-Quimby

Rodvien, Emma (PUC)

From: Monica Maye <monicamaye@icloud.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2021 3:22 PM
To: Rodvien, Emma (PUC)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] : Sea 3 LPG expansion needs full review

Dear EFSB,

My name is Monica Maye, and I am a resident of Cranston, RI. I strongly support requiring a full review of the Sea 3 proposed Liquified Propane Gas expansion by the Rhode Island Energy Facility Siting Board (EFSB). As an expansion of fossil fuel infrastructure in a heavily overburdened BIPOC community, this project absolutely requires such a review - not least because it otherwise lacks robust public engagement.

Specifically, I am calling on the EFSB to do the following:

1. Determine that the Sea 3 Providence expansion is an "alteration to a major energy facility" and therefore requires a full application and review by the EFSB;
2. Require that cumulative health and safety impacts be included in the full review; and
3. Extend the public comment period by at least another 2 months.

Regarding the first point, state law requires a full application and approval process from the EFSB if a requested expansion is an "alteration" to an 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 that their application requires a full review, but in order to "meet the future demand for LPG in the region" it in fact plans to alter an existing major energy facility in the Port.

Regarding the second point, because the proposed expansion of this facility necessarily encourages and requires an expanded use of fossil fuels, the potential growth in operations will inevitably result in a significant increase in diesel emissions within the Port area, which is already overburdened with polluting industrial activities and truck traffic. This is inconsistent with Rhode Island's long-term climate change goals and binding emissions reduction requirements, as well as with Providence's Climate Justice Plan. Therefore, those concerns must be thoroughly addressed in the proposal and fully vetted by the EFSB.

Regarding the third point, because the proposal raises significant public health, safety and welfare concerns, it must be widely discussed and carefully considered by the community before it is approved.

I therefore 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 that will result from greenlighting this project.

Sincerely,

Monica Maye
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Rodvien, Emma (PUC)

From: Sean Smith <ssmith@palmergas.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 11, 2021 7:29 AM
To: Rodvien, Emma (PUC)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] : Comments in Support of Sea 3 Providence's petition for Rail Service

Good Morning,

I am writing today as a member of the propane industry in support of Sea 3's petition for rail service. Propane is a clean-burning EPA recognized alternative energy to over 50,000 residential homes, as well as to commercial and agricultural customers across the Ocean State. Propane is affordable and can be used in place of more carbon intensive energies in environmental justice zones. Rail service will allow further clean energy innovation to fight climate change by allowing our industry to explore renewable propane options for our customers.

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Have a great and safe day!

Thank You,

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Rodvien, Emma (PUC)

From: Bob Lefebvre <blefebvre@eastern.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 11, 2021 7:06 AM
To: Rodvien, Emma (PUC)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] : Rail Support - Providence, RI Terminal

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing today as a member of the propane industry in support of Sea 3's petition for rail service. Propane is a clean-burning EPA recognized alternative energy to over 50,000 residential homes, as well as to commercial and agricultural customers across the Ocean State. Propane is affordable and can be used in place of more carbon intensive energies in environmental justice zones. Rail service will allow further clean energy innovation to fight climate change by allowing our industry to explore renewable propane options for our customers.

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Respectfully,

Bob Lefebvre
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Rodvien, Emma (PUC)

From: Matthew Tiedemann <mtiedemann11@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 16, 2021 3:23 PM
To: Rodvien, Emma (PUC)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] : Sea 3 LPG Expansion needs full review

Dear EFSB,

My name is Matthew from Providence 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:

1. 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.
2. 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.

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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,
Matthew T

Rodvien, Emma (PUC)

From: Lucas Kuan <lucaskuan1@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 16, 2021 7:56 AM
To: Rodvien, Emma (PUC)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] : Sea 3 LPG Expansion needs full review

Dear EFSB,

My name is Lucas from Providence, RI 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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Thank you,

Lucas Kuan

Rodvien, Emma (PUC)

From: Marlene Schuster <mschuster324@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 15, 2021 7:49 PM
To: Rodvien, Emma (PUC)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] : Public Comment on Sea 3 Providence, LLC

Hello,

I wish to submit public comment on Sea 3 Providence LLC's petition for a declaratory judgement. As a resident of Providence, I am deeply concerned by the company's assertion that their proposal does not constitute an alteration of a major energy facility. This expansion clearly represents an alteration and should be subjected to full review by the Board. Furthermore, the expansion of fossil fuel infrastructure, particularly in low income neighborhoods, is inimical to the state's environmental and climate goals. The project should be thoroughly reviewed and duly rejected.

Thank you for entering this public comment.

Kindly,
Marlene Schuster

Sent from my iPhone

Rodvien, Emma (PUC)

From: Jacob Grassi <jacob.a.grassi@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 15, 2021 4:36 PM
To: Rodvien, Emma (PUC)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] : Public Comment on Sea 3 Providence, LLC

Good evening,

I'd like to submit a public comment on Sea 3 Providence LLC's petition for a declaratory judgement. As a current resident of Providence, I am deeply concerned by the company's assertion that their proposal does not constitute an alteration of a major energy facility. This expansion clearly represents a significant alteration and should be subjected to a full review by the Board. I am also of the opinion that expanding outdated fossil fuel infrastructure is antithetical to Rhode Island's climate goals, which are very important to me and my neighbors. This project should be thoroughly reviewed, and, I sincerely hope, rejected entirely.

Thank you for accepting these comments.

Kindly,
Jacob Grassi, Providence Resident