



State of Rhode Island

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPRESENTATIVE MICHELLE E. MCGAW, District 71
Committee on State Government and Elections
Committee on Veterans' Affairs

Re: Sea 3 LLC proposal
SB-2021-03

5/7/21

State of Rhode Island
Energy Facility Siting Board

To Whom it May Concern-

I submit my **opposition** to the Sea 3 petition for determination that enhancements to its current liquid propane gas terminal and storage operations at 25 Fields Point Drive in Providence do not constitute an alteration of a major energy facility.

Whereas the proposed changes will occur on a currently vacant lot; and

Whereas the proposal incorporates new equipment for rail service delivery and offloading; and

Whereas the proposal incorporates new piping; and

Whereas the proposal incorporates new storage bullet tanks; and

Whereas the proposal would increase the storage capacity of liquid propane gas; and

Whereas R.I. Gen. Laws §42-98-3(b) defines "alteration" as "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.";

I believe that this proposal by Sea 3 LLC is a significant alteration to the current property and should require a complete review by the EFSB. It is unclear to me as to how the EFSB could determine if there is a significant impact on the environment or the public health, safety and welfare of the community without a full review.

The complete review by the EFSB should include not only the potential impact on the health and safety of the community, but should also review the potential impact on the State of Rhode Island's carbon-emission reduction goals as set forth in the Act On Climate, recently signed into law.

I also request that the deadline for public comment for this proposal be extended. This proposal warrants a complete review including adequate input from key stakeholders in the community.

Thank you for your consideration,

RI Representative Michelle McGaw, District 71