

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
ENERGY FACILITY SITING BOARD**

IN RE: SEA 3 PROVIDENCE, LLC PETITION
FOR DECLARATORY ORDER REGARDING
THE RAIL SERVICE INCORPORATION
PROJECT (PROVIDENCE, RI)

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**PRE-FILED TESTIMONY OF
DEREK M. SILVA**

March 23, 2022

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1 Introduction

2 Q. Please state your full name and business address.

3 A. My name is Derek M. Silva. My business address is 325 Washington Street,
4 Providence, Rhode Island.

5 Q. What is your position with the City of Providence (“the city” or “Providence”)?

6 A. I am the Fire Prevention/Arson Captain of the Fire Prevention Bureau for the
7 Providence Fire Department for the city.

8 Q. How long have you held that role?

9 A. Since February 2022. Before that I was a Fire Lieutenant, starting in June
10 2017. I have been employed with the Providence Fire Department since
11 January 2007.

12 Q. What are your responsibilities in that role?

13 A. I am responsible for supervision and oversight of Providence’s Fire
14 Prevention Bureau which includes fire investigation and inspection divisions,
15 coordinating and planning special projects and events, along with pre-
16 planning and incident action plans for high-risk events and facilities.

17 Q. Are you familiar with Sea 3 Providence, LLC (“Sea 3”)?

18 A. Yes, I am aware that Sea 3 currently operates a sea-vessel delivery liquid
19 propane gas (“LPG”) terminal located at 25 Fields Point Drive in Providence,

1 Rhode Island. I am familiar with the location of the Sea 3 facility inside
2 ProvPort.

3 Q. What is the purpose of your testimony?

4 A. To respond to a representation by Sea 3's legal counsel in this matter that
5 Sea 3 last provided training to the Providence Fire Department on December
6 13, 2021 and February 18, 2022.

7 Q. Did Sea 3 provide training to the Providence Fire Department on December
8 13, 2021 and February 18, 2022?

9 A. No.

10 Q. What did occur on those dates, if anything?

11 A. On those dates, on-duty members from Engine 13, Battalion 1 and the Safety
12 Battalion Chief Edward Dwyer responded to Sea 3 to do a walk-through for
13 the arriving ship to review protocols. A total of 6 members of the Providence
14 Fire Department were on scene each time. No training was conducted.

15 Q. What is a walk-through?

16 A. It is a pre-planning and re-familiarization opportunity that is commonly done
17 with high-risk facilities.

18 Q. Did the walk-through involve protocols specific to rail delivery of LPG at the
19 Sea 3 terminal?

20 A. No, the walk-through was specific to sea vessel delivery of LPG only.

1 Q. To your knowledge, to date has Sea 3 offered to provide training at its
2 expense to the Providence Fire Department related to responding to an
3 adverse LPG event?

4 A. No.

5 Q. For the sake of clarity for this proceeding, what does the Providence Fire
6 Department consider to be “training”?

7 A. Training would consist of the utilization of our equipment, apparatus, and
8 personnel to conduct an operation consistent with the hazards or potential
9 incidents that may occur at a facility. Such an operation would consist of
10 mock training where strategic and/or tactical objectives are outlined and
11 achieved through actionable efforts by our uniformed personnel.

12 Q. Does this conclude your pre-filed testimony?

13 A. Yes.