People's Port Authority Encouraged to Hear Attorney General Neronha, City Of Providence will File Motion to Intervene in Opposition to Sea 3’s Fossil Fuel Expansion Project

The announcement that Attorney General Peter Neronha and The City Of Providence are filing motions to intervene in opposition to Sea 3’s proposed expansion by requesting intervener status with the Energy Facility Siting Board (EFSB) is welcome news to the People’s Port Authority. The Attorney General and the City join the Conservation Law Foundation, which already has filed a motion to intervene.

“Intervening to have a full review so that the community can have input is one step in the right direction,” said Monica Huertas, Executive Director of the People’s Port Authority. “We urge the city and the state to have an end goal of stopping this expansion altogether. We encourage the City Solicitor and the Attorney General’s office to increase their line of communication with The People’s Port Authority and others in the neighboring community as we continue to fight this proposed expansion and other toxic pollutants in the Port.”

Sea 3’s proposed expansion would ship and store an additional 540,000 gallons of Liquid Propane Gas — an explosive and hazardous material — in the Port of Providence, increasing health and safety risks to the densely populated communities of South Providence and Washington Park. These neighborhoods are home to predominantly low-income and Black and Latinx families and are already overburdened by industrial operations and air pollution.

The People’s Port Authority is demanding a full review by the EFSB and community consultation about the project in a space that is accessible to and well known by the community. “South Providence and Washington Park residents have a right to know the threats this project poses to their health and safety,” Monica continued, “and to have the power to prevent it from moving forward.”