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His Excellency Michael Wilson
The Ambassador of Canada
Canadian Embassy
501 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Mr. Ambassador:

The National Propane Gas Association (NPGA) is the national trade association of the propane industry in the United States with a membership of over 3,500 companies. The single largest group of NPGA members is retail marketers of propane gas who provide fuel for use in space heating applications to end users such as homeowners as well as hospitals, nursing homes and other facilities. Many of these retail marketers obtain their fuel from terminals that are served by railcars.

As you are undoubtedly aware, the current rail strike in Canada by one of the nation's largest rail carriers, Canadian National (CN) Railway, is affecting numerous industries within Canada and the United States. In the U.S., the strike has had a significant impact on the delivery of propane to our retail marketer members in the New England states, many of whom are experiencing rapidly decreasing inventories of propane. If the CN strike is a prolonged one, the propane supply situation could become serious.

I recognize that the rail strike in Canada is a domestic issue. However, its effects go beyond the boundaries of Canada and are now infringing upon industries that provide essential services to consumers. To provide some perspective, there are approximately 26,000 homeowners in the State of Maine alone who use propane for space heating in addition to the number of hospitals and other facilities that use it for similar purposes. Moreover, 50 to 70 percent of the propane delivered to Maine is delivered by rail cars operated by the CN Railway.

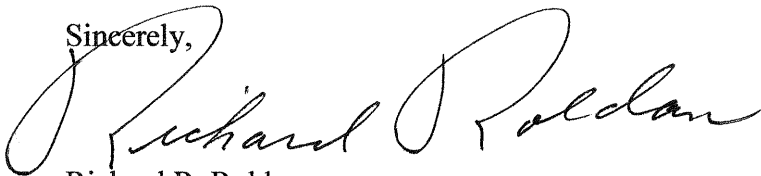
I would also like to make you aware of another important factor complicating the propane supply situation in the Northeast region of the U.S. The TEPPCO pipeline, which originates in the Texas Gulf Coast region and terminates in Selkirk, New York, supplies propane to numerous marketers at various points along this entire route. This pipeline recently experienced a leak on a portion of the line in Indiana. TEPPCO is currently working to repair the leak, which we hope is completed by this weekend. However, supplies of propane to points east of Indiana through Ohio, Pennsylvania and into Selkirk, New York are rapidly decreasing.

Ordinarily, in a situation such as this, the lack of propane supply is made up by the transportation of railcars to the affected areas. However, given the CN strike, this has failed to occur. This confluence of circumstances has raised significant concerns by our members in the Northeastern U.S. regarding their ability to meet the heating needs of its customers in the coming days and weeks.

Therefore, I would respectfully request that you convey the unique concerns expressed in this letter to the appropriate Canadian government officials to intervene and seek an end to the CN strike so that full rail service can be restored and a potentially serious situation can be averted. Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Please feel free to contact me at anytime if you would like to discuss this further.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard R. Roldan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "R".

Richard R. Roldan
President and Chief Executive Officer