

NEW HAVEN PORT AUTHORITY

February 11, 2005

Patricia King
Chair
New Haven City Plan Commission
165 Church Street, 5th Floor
New Haven, CT 06510

RE: Application of Magellan Terminals Holdings, LP for a Special Exception and Coastal Site Plan Review

Dear Ms. King:

I am writing in regard to Magellan's application for a new petroleum storage tank at 280 Waterfront Street in New Haven. As you are aware, the New Haven Port Authority is a new entity with a mission to enhance the economic competitiveness of the greater New Haven region and all of Connecticut through waterborne transportation. With that in mind, Magellan presented its proposal to the Port Authority at our meeting of February 4.

Although the Port Authority does not have a formal permitting role, kindly consider our advisory guidance on this matter. The Port Authority believes the proposal is consistent both with our mission as the new tank will facilitate the introduction of ultra low sulfur diesel as well as basic petroleum products through New Haven Harbor. Since the applicant proposes to reconfigure space within the existing terminal boundaries, there will be a more intense use of the facility. Given the scarcity of vacant land in the port district, this is an important project benefit.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this application. Over time, we look forward to working with you and the Board of Zoning Appeals as we enhance the Port of New Haven.

Sincerely,

Ian Solomon, Esq.
Chair