

**FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION**

Office of the Chairman

November 22, 2021

The Honorable Ernie Trakas
St. Louis County Council, 6th District
County Government Center
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Clayton, MO 6315

Dear Councilmember Trakas,

Thank you for your letter of November 17, 2021 inviting me to appear by the Committee of the Whole on November 22 to participate in the Committee's meeting regarding the Spire STL Pipeline. I appreciate your invitation and your interest in this proceeding. I understand from your staff that this meeting has been postponed but I thought it important to follow up with you.

The Spire STL Pipeline questions currently being considered by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission are pending and contested. In keeping with the Commission's *ex parte* regulations, I am prohibited from discussing the merits of these proceedings. Although your Committee's meeting has been postponed, I would still like to provide you with an update. To summarize where things stand procedurally, I would note that there are three distinct matters currently pending before FERC involving the Spire Pipeline.

The first of these was considered at the Commission's monthly open meeting on November 18, 2021. That decision addressed requests for rehearing and clarification on the Commission's September 14, 2021, emergency temporary certificate that allows Spire to continue operating for 90 days while the Commission considers the other two matters currently before it.

The Commission continues to consider the two other Spire STL proceedings:

- The June 22, 2021 [decision](#) of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit to vacate, and remand back to the Commission, our 2018 order granting Spire's certificate of public convenience and necessity.
- Spire STL Project's July 26, 2021 request for an emergency temporary [certificate](#) to continue operating its pipeline while the Commission considers the court's vacatur.

As to the Spire's July request for an emergency temporary certificate, I stated publicly during the Commission's November 18 meeting that I intend for the Commission to act on this request before December 13, when Spire's current authorization expires.



The filings in these proceedings can be found in FERC's eLibrary database ([Docket No. CP17-40-010](#)).

I wish to assure you that the Commission understands the importance of these proceedings. I have asked my staff to inform you immediately when the Commission issues an order. Thank you again for your attention to this matter. A copy of your letter and this reply will be placed into the record of the proceeding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Richard Glick".

Richard Glick
Chairman

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