



District 11

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The Honorable Richard Glick, Chairman
The Honorable Neil Chatterjee, Commissioner
The Honorable James Danly, Commissioner
The Honorable Allison Clements, Commissioner
The Honorable Mark C. Christie, Commissioner
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20426

RE: SPIRE STL PIPELINE LLC TEMPORARY CERTIFICATE APPLICATION IN EMERGENCY
DOCKET NO. CP17-40-000

Dear Chairman Glick and Commissioners:

I am writing in support of Spire STL Pipeline's temporary emergency certificate application. I ask that you approve this application to ensure the pipeline maintains its ability to provide critical natural gas efficiently and economically to homes and businesses in the St. Louis region. While the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) further considers its original approval of the pipeline, I urge them to consider the profound consequences the closure of this pipeline would bring to Missouri families.

As the Director of United Steelworkers (USW) District 11, I am proud to represent over 7,000 members throughout Missouri, including the St. Louis region. Our Union represents over 700,000 members with many in the natural gas industry and the supply chain that supports the industry. Removal of this pipeline won't only mean a loss of good middle-class jobs for our members, but a direct impact on Missourians' abilities to keep their families safe and comfortable during the impending winter cold.

I am particularly troubled that if the STL Pipeline ceases service, gas might not be available to individual homes and businesses of the St. Louis area. Furthermore, Spire estimates that up to

400,000 customers may be without natural gas this winter if there is an extended cold spell like we saw last year. While customers in other states faced astronomical prices and limited natural gas supply during Winter Storm Uri, the STL Pipeline proved its critical role in maintaining natural gas supply for Missouri residents and saved ratepayers up to \$300 million in the process.

I strongly urge you to consider the critical role the Spire STL Pipeline brings to the residents of Missouri by satisfying some of their most basic human needs and the impact that its inability to provide service will have on our workers and their families.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Emil Ramirez". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Emil Ramirez
Director, USW District 11

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c: Ron Wilkey, Sub-Director, USW District 11