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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

Dear Mr. Chairman and Commissioners,

As Mayor for the City of St. Louis, I am responsible for protecting nearly 300,000 residents from the shocks of extreme weather. I am writing regarding Spire STL Pipeline LLC and to urge the Commission to give full and fair consideration of Spire's application for a Temporary Emergency Certificate or in the Alternative a Limited-Term Certificate. The Spire STL Pipeline Project provides important access to abundant, affordable, and reliable supplies of clean natural gas produced from diverse domestic sources.

I am concerned with the detrimental effects an immediate shutdown of the STL Pipeline would have on communities in and around St. Louis during the winter months. We saw the importance of having diverse natural gas supply in February 2021 during Winter Storm Uri, which caused severe natural gas supply disruptions, unprecedented spikes in the cost of natural gas, and widespread service outages across the country. The outages during Winter Storm Uri resulted in a tragic loss of human life and nearly \$200 billion in damages, making it one of the deadliest and costliest natural disasters in United States history.

I support maintaining Spire's access to the STL Pipeline to allow for the safe transition to less harmful forms of energy. The STL Pipeline provides numerous benefits to homes and businesses by providing access to some of the most competitively priced supplies of natural gas, and by ensuring diversity and reliability of natural gas.

Again, I encourage the Commission to give full and fair consideration to Spire's application. Please do not hesitate to contact my office should you have any other concerns or questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Tishaura O. Jones". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, decorative initial 'T'.

Tishaura O. Jones
Mayor, City of St. Louis

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