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August 11, 2021

The Honorable Richard Glick  
Chairman  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
888 First Street, NE  
Washington, D.C. 20426

Re: Spire STL Pipeline LLC Temporary Certificate Application in Emergency  
Docket No. CP17-40-000

Dear Chairman Glick,

I am writing regarding Spire STL Pipeline LLC (“Spire”) and to urge the Federal Energy Regulatory 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 (“STL Pipeline”) provides important access to abundant, affordable, and reliable supplies of clean natural gas produced from diverse domestic sources.

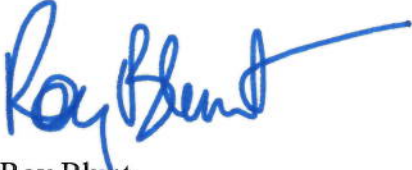
I am concerned with the detrimental effects a shutdown of the Spire STL Pipeline would have on communities in and around St. Louis during the winter months. We saw the importance of having diverse natural gas supply in February 2021 during winter storms, which caused severe natural gas supply disruptions, unprecedented spikes in the cost of natural gas, and widespread service outages across the country. The outages during this year’s winter storms 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.

Without the STL Pipeline, up to 133,000 households and businesses in Missouri may have lost gas service. Having the STL Pipeline in service saved Missourians an estimated \$300 million by providing access to natural gas sourced from the Rocky Mountain and Appalachian Basins.

Any scenario in which STL Pipeline is forced to shut down would immediately increase the chances of detrimental impacts to vulnerable populations in the St. Louis area and the regional economy as it emerges from the pandemic. 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. The Commission should do everything it can to keep Missouri communities safe this winter.

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

Sincere regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Roy Blunt". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Roy Blunt  
United States Senator

Cc: Commissioner Chatterjee  
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