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

By The Federal Regulatory Commission Office of External Affairs at 1:03 pm, Aug 31, 2021

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

Dear Chairman Glick,

We urge the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to give full, fair, and transparent consideration of Spire's application for a Temporary Emergency Certificate or a Limited-Term Certificate. The Spire STL Pipeline Project ("STL Pipeline") offers critical access to affordable and reliable clean natural gas produced from critical domestic sources.

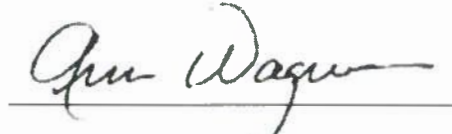
Shutting down the Spire STL Pipeline would have a devastating effect on the local communities in and surrounding St. Louis area during the cold winter months. In February of 2021, severe winter storms led to massive natural gas supply disruptions, historic spikes in the cost of natural gas, and widespread service outages throughout the United States. These winter storms proved how critical it is to have a robust and diverse natural gas supply to uphold citizen safety and keep Missourians warm.

If the STL Pipeline was not operational during this time, up to 133,000 households and small businesses in Missouri may have lost gas service, being forced to brave the winter cold without heat. Having the STL Pipeline in service saved Missouri lives, and an estimated \$300 million by providing access to natural gas from the Appalachian Basins and the Rocky Mountains.

A scenario in which the STL Pipeline is mandated to shut down would immediately increase the odds of severe and catastrophic impacts to vulnerable populations in the St. Louis area, while still battling the effects of the coronavirus pandemic. The STL Pipeline provides benefits to homes, businesses, and the economy by ensuring diversity and reliability of natural gas. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission should do everything within its power to ensure Missourians remain safe during the winter months.

Again, we encourage the Commission to give full, fair, and transparent consideration to Spire's application as expeditiously as possible. We look forward to working alongside our federal partners to ensure Missourians are well served. Please do not hesitate to contact our offices should you have concerns or questions.

Sincerely,

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