



September 3, 2021

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20426

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

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

Dear Chairman Glick and Commissioners,

The Missouri School Boards' Association (MSBA) writes its support of Spire STL Pipeline LLC's (STL Pipeline) temporary certificate [July 26, 2021] application at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC).

The MSBA is a not-for-profit trade association that represents over 380 Missouri school districts with approximately 2,000 individual school facilities (or meters). It sponsors the state's largest school aggregate natural gas purchasing group, and takes service from every Missouri investor-owned natural gas distribution company including nearly all of the schools in the St. Louis service area.

Circumstances have changed significantly in the region since STL Pipeline was first approved in 2018. Nearly all, if not all Missouri schools have converted heating to natural gas supply and no longer have propane back-up systems. Cyber-attacks and Polar Vortexes are real and cause loss of regional natural gas resources, making it ever more imperative to have regional diversity of supply, which the STL Pipeline provides. The need for this pipeline is amplified with the upcoming winter and heating needs for schools.

If the STL Pipeline is forced to shut down, the chance of detrimental impacts significantly increases for schools and vulnerable populations in the St. Louis area. Granting the temporary certificate at this time is the best way to ensure protection of schools, homes and businesses in the St. Louis area that depend on STL Pipeline for critical gas supply.

It is imperative for FERC to do what it can to prevent such risks and approve STL Pipeline's application. Thank you for your continued leadership in support of the safe and environmentally responsible development of reliable U.S. energy infrastructure and for your timely consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael Parnell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "M".

Michael D. Parnell
Associate Executive Director