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Greetings,

I am voicing my support and concern regarding the Spire STL Pipeline. There is a threat of losing a pipeline that helps heat thousands of homes in the St. Louis area which will impact more than heating homes. We cook, warm our water and dry our clothing with gas appliances, and after December 13, 2021, that may not be possible. Is there a solution for us when temperatures plummet below 0? If the pipeline is shut down, people will not be able to maintain. Many cannot just convert to all electric or solar power (or just prefers natural gas) and that would cause a partial State of Emergency in Missouri. Natural gas is one of the cleanest and economical burning fuels available, therefore, contributes approximately 3% of total U.S. greenhouse gas emissions. In addition, strict government regulations and industry standards are in place to ensure the safe transportation, storage, distribution, and use of natural gas, according to U.S. Energy Information Administration. There are pros and cons to any source of energy but how can an activist group or judicial system just decide, right before winter, that we do not deserve the efficiency of OUR source of heat! The STL Pipeline has been enough thus far and as a consumer, I appreciate the savings, since, Spire has invested in newer and better infrastructures.

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