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

The Honorable Richard Glick, Chairman
The Honorable James Danly, Commissioner
The Honorable Allison Clements, Commissioner
The Honorable Mark C. Christie, Commissioner

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

Dear Mr. Chairman and Commissioners,

On behalf of Anheuser-Busch, I write in strong support of Spire STL Pipeline's application for a Temporary Emergency Certificate. This pipeline is vital for the St. Louis region and provides reliable natural gas to heat and power our community.

As a leading employer in St. Louis, Anheuser-Busch takes seriously the consequences that would be caused by the loss of the STL Pipeline. We employ more than 3,000 people in Missouri and more than 19,000 people across the country. We are a leading American manufacturer and proud of our more than 160-year heritage of brewing some of America's most beloved beers. Our industry and industry partners, including the hospitality sector, have been hit hard by the pandemic. If we are forced to significantly curtail our operations due to a loss of natural gas, we will experience substantial impacts on our business and employees.

For example, St. Louis is the home to our oldest and largest brewery, and it relies on natural gas for brewing. Further, more than 30 percent of our shipments from the St. Louis brewery to our wholesalers is via trucks that use compressed natural gas (CNG). If the STL Pipeline were to be shut off, our brewery operations would be impacted and the station we use near the brewery would also be shut off, severely curtailing our fleet. This, in turn, would cause a ripple effect throughout our broader industry. With potential limitations and outages extending beyond our own operations to other businesses, negative economic consequences for the entire St. Louis region are inevitable.

As you know, access to reliable and adequate sources of affordable energy – especially during the critical winter months – is paramount for our neighborhoods, our community, and St. Louis businesses like ours. Our business and employees in the St. Louis region depend on knowing we will have this vital supply without threat of interruption. I urge you to grant this certificate for the Spire STL Pipeline. We appreciate your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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