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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
88 First Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 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. CP17-70-007

Dear Chairman Glick and Commissioners,

We are writing in support of Spire STL Pipeline's request for a temporary emergency certificate, to prevent thousands of vulnerable residents in the St. Louis region from losing access to life-saving heating and cooking fuel this winter. The St. Louis Metropolitan Clergy Coalition is a leading faith-based organization in St. Louis dedicated to addressing issues that promote the advancement of the entire St. Louis community, and the African-American community in particular.

The St. Louis Metropolitan Clergy Coalition is concerned that, without the Spire STL Pipeline this winter, many vulnerable members of the St. Louis community could lose access to natural gas and the ability to heat their homes and feed their families in the middle of winter. Temperatures in the region have been dropping in recent weeks, and as we move toward the Christmas season, our members are expressing increasing concern about the possibility that they could lose the ability to heat their homes this winter. This uncertainty has caused a significant distress on our community, which, in the midst of a global pandemic and economic uncertainty, already has enough on its plate.

FERC must consider the disproportionate impacts that the lack of energy access could have on families that are already struggling to heat their home and put food on the table. Without energy access this winter, potentially tens of thousands of households, including thousands of families who live at or below the poverty line, could go without heat. Many of these families are members of our congregations, respectively. With the severe winter storms last year, the Spire STL Pipeline has already demonstrated that it is a necessary resource for our community.

We urge FERC to act immediately and grant the temporary emergency certificate to ensure continued access to this affordable and reliable resource necessary to help keep families warm and fed this winter.

Sincerely,
Reverend Charles Norris
St Louis Metropolitan Clergy Coalition, President

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