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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,

On behalf of Associated Industries of Missouri (AIM), I write in support of Spire STL Pipeline and their application for a temporary emergency certificate.

This critical infrastructure provides reliable and cost-effective natural gas to over 650,000 homes and businesses in eastern Missouri. The loss of the STL Pipeline will result in a major blow to thousands of families across the St. Louis region who may not be able to heat their homes or put warm meals on the table this winter. But the loss will also negatively impact thousands of families whose livelihood is derived from jobs in Missouri businesses that depend on the pipeline to provide reliable and affordable gas service.

AIM is the oldest general business trade association in Missouri, and we work hard to promote a favorable climate for business so that our members can compete in the global economy and create jobs for workers across the state. Our manufacturers and industrial businesses need a dependable domestic source of energy to succeed. We commend Spire for building the STL Pipeline and providing this vital resource to our region. Without this pipeline, and the commerce it fuels, eastern Missouri's economy will suffer, and our entire region will be at a disadvantage.

Of course, the most significant consequences of shutting down the STL Pipeline will be felt this winter. As many as 400,000 Spire customers could be without access to natural gas to heat their homes and businesses during the coldest time of the year, including hundreds of schools. This is more than an

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issue that will impact the business community, it will harm thousands of St. Louisans, who will not be able to heat their homes when they need it most.

I urge you to grant this emergency certification for the STL Pipeline. The business community and the residents of eastern Missouri already rely on this critical infrastructure and there will be potentially devastating consequences if it is forced to shut down.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ray McCarty". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "R" and a long, sweeping tail.

Ray McCarty
President and CEO

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