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Re: Spire STL Pipeline LLC Temporary Emergency Certificate Application

Docket No. CP17-40-000

Dear Chairman Glick and Commissioners,

I am writing to urge the approval of Spire's temporary certificate application for the STL Pipeline. This critical infrastructure provides the region with the energy necessary for residents and businesses to meet their needs and there could be serious consequences in St. Louis if there are gas shortages in the winter months. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) must keep the STL Pipeline operational as it reviews the original approval, so the thousands of residents and businesses throughout the St. Louis region can continue to rely on it to provide energy to their homes and businesses.

As LiUNA Vice President and Midwest Regional Manager, I am proud to represent thousands of LiUNA members throughout Missouri and Illinois. In 2016, LiUNA Midwest Region voiced our support of the STL Pipeline with FERC, touting the family and community sustaining career opportunities, workforce training, and the affordable domestic energy that it would bring to the region. It has delivered on those promises and that is why we continue to support this project today.

Over the past year, there have been several weather events that left thousands in the Midwest and South without access to electricity or heat. Thanks to the STL Pipeline, the St. Louis region did not experience the same hardship during Winter Storm Uri in February of 2021. It is estimated that over 130,000 residents could have been without gas service during this storm if the STL Pipeline was not in service. We could experience similar conditions in the coming months, and it is vital that this infrastructure continue to operate to prevent potentially devastating outages, putting the safety and wellbeing of residents throughout the region at risk and threatening the future of the 40,000 businesses who rely on it to keep their doors open.

The Spire STL Pipeline has created high-quality family and community sustaining career opportunities, while also increasing the reliability and affordability of natural gas throughout the region. I strongly urge you to consider the thousands of hard-working Missouri residents who will suffer by removing the STL Pipeline from the state's natural gas infrastructure. We strongly urge you to support Spire's temporary emergency certificate application.

Sincerely,

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