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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 Emergency Certificate Application  
Docket No. CP17-40-000

Dear Chairman Glick and Commissioners,

I am writing in support of the approval of Spire's temporary emergency certificate application for the STL Pipeline so it can continue to operate on an interim basis to prevent gas shortages to the St. Louis region in the coming months. While the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) further considers the original approval of the STL Pipeline, I urge the commissioners to consider the jobs it provides every day to the Missouri economy, as well as the affordable domestic energy delivery to residents that's at risk should the pipeline cease to operate in the interim.

As Business Manager of the Missouri Kansas Laborer's District Council (MKLDC), I am proud to represent over 9,000 of LIUNA members in the construction industry throughout Missouri, including St. Charles and St. Louis counties. The construction of the Spire STL Pipeline was pivotal in creating high quality, fair paying jobs that our members throughout the St. Louis region counted on to provide for their families. Additionally, many of our LIUNA members live in the very communities along the route of the STL Pipeline and rely every day on it to cook and in the winter months, heat their homes.

I am particularly alarmed by the fact that without the STL Pipeline, gas may not be available to individual homes and businesses in the St. Louis area during the winter months when average daily temperatures drop significantly. Spire estimates that as many as 400,000 customers may be without natural gas service if there is any period of prolonged harsh winter conditions. STL Pipeline


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has already proven it can provide reliable gas to residents during extremely cold weather events and for extended periods of time. While others across the central United States struggled with gas supply constraints and high costs during winter storm Uri in February 2021, the STL Pipeline ensured the region had access to this crucial energy, saving ratepayers up to \$300 million in the process.

I strongly urge you to approve Spire's temporary emergency certificate application for the STL Pipeline and consider the thousands of Missouri residents who will bear the brunt of the consequences if the STL Pipeline is removed from the state's natural gas infrastructure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brandon Flinn', written over a horizontal line.

Brandon Flinn  
Business Manager

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