



Missouri Grocers Association

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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 Dwyer, 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 write today in support of Spire STL Pipeline, LLC's (STL Pipeline) [July 26, 2021] temporary emergency certificate application at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). As the president of the Missouri Grocers Association, I proudly represent the independent retailers, wholesalers, distributors, brokers, suppliers, vendors, and manufacturers that constitute the grocery industry. Our members were on the front lines during the pandemic to ensure our community was able to feed their families and we ask that you allow us to have access to a reliable supply of natural gas to keep our doors open this winter.

The STL Pipeline provides 650,000 businesses and individuals alike with an affordable and reliable supply of natural gas. Since being in service since 2019, the STL Pipeline has demonstrated the critical role it plays in delivering energy throughout the St. Louis region. Residents and businesses, like our members, rely on it every day. And after this last year of so much uncertainty, financial devastation and personal loss, the businesses of all sizes in our community risk losing even more if the STL pipeline shuts down. Preventing our access to affordable and reliable natural gas not only puts the future of our businesses at risk, but the jobs and economic growth we provide to the entire St. Louis region.

The STL pipeline has become more and more critical as our country continues to face unprecedented weather events, in particular during the winter months. While others across the central United States struggled with gas supply and costs during Winter Storm Uri, STL Pipeline ensured we had access to affordable energy during this difficult time. It's been calculated those ratepayers in Missouri saved up to \$300 million in the process.

I support STL Pipeline's temporary emergency certificate application so residents and businesses of the St. Louis region can continue to benefit from its presence. Please consider the positive impact it's had on our community and the negative consequences that would follow if you denied this application.

Sincerely,

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