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If STL has insufficient natural gas, and citizens lose service this winter, it will be a very dangerous situation. STL winters get horribly cold. I am terrified of my home being without heat, as we have a gas furnace. I was without heat for several days last year due to unrelated mechanical/maintenance issues and it was excruciating. I have a child and pets. We all slept in 1 room with a space heater and it was still cold. I dread living that again, without hope for a mechanic to even be able to fix the problem, and for it to last an entire winter. I am scared of the danger it would put on my child. I worry about those with infants, those that will be suffocated by parents sleeping with their tiny babies just trying to keep them warm. What of the homes whose pipes will freeze and burst and destroy their homes? What of the pets that will freeze and die while the families have to go to work and cannot stay and share body heat with them? The idea of hundreds of thousands of people being without heat in below freezing temperatures for months is abhorrent. I have to believe our government would not allow us to be endangered this way. Please approve use of the pipeline, for the cold winter months at minimum!!

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