

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,

Thank you for your continued leadership in furthering the development of safe and reliable U.S. energy infrastructure. I write in support of Spire STL Pipeline, LLC's (STL Pipeline) [July 26, 2021] temporary certificate application at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC).

In addition to corporate offices and research and development suites, Mallinckrodt Specialty Generics operates two St. Louis-based manufacturing locations, producing finished-dose medicines, excipients and active pharmaceutical ingredients (APIs). Our API site is the single largest in the United States and is responsible for some 50 products, several of which are deemed essential by the FDA, have little or no alternative U.S. sources, and/or are utilized in the treatment of COVID-19. **Our reliance on natural gas is mission critical to our St. Louis operations and therefore is of national public health interest.**

Until recently, more than 650,000 residents and businesses in the St. Louis region lacked direct access to reliable, affordable, and abundant natural gas supplies from diverse domestic sources. The STL Pipeline changed this by tapping into gas supply from the Rockies and Appalachian Basins, providing resilience and supply diversity both year-round and when St. Louis needs are most critical.

Since being placed into service, the STL Pipeline has already demonstrated its critical role in keeping vulnerable populations in the St. Louis area warm and providing the regional economy significant benefits as it emerges from the pandemic. While others across central United States struggled with gas supply constraints and high costs during Storm Uri in February 2021, STL Pipeline ensured the region had access to affordable energy during this difficult time, saving ratepayers up to \$300 million in the process.

I support STL Pipeline's application to ensure our continued ability to manufacture essential medicines and so that the St. Louis region can avoid potentially dire and life-threatening gas shortages in the months ahead and throughout the winter. I look forward to the FERC's



prompt consideration and response on the temporary certificate application for this crucial energy infrastructure. Please do not hesitate to reach out if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Steve Hawthorne

Vice President, Manufacturing, Specialty Generics