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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, N.E.
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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 Certificate Application in Emergency
Docket No. CP17-40-000

Dear Chairman Glick and Commissioners,

I am writing in support of the approval of Spire STL Pipeline's temporary emergency certificate application. Its ongoing operation is of paramount importance to the businesses and residents who reside in the St. Louis region. If the pipeline were rendered non-operational by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) while it reviews the initial approval, the negative impacts would be felt by tens of thousands of businesses and residents in St. Louis and the surrounding area. Those people and business owners depend on the reliable and affordable natural gas provided by the STL Pipeline.

As the Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the St. Louis Building and Construction Trades Council, it's an honor to represent AFL-CIO members in the greater St. Louis region. As one of the largest organized labor federations in the United States, we represent bricklayers, metal workers, plumbers and pipefitters, and gas workers just to name a few. Spire is a respected employer based here in St. Louis that has a history of providing jobs to union members, including in the construction of the STL Pipeline. Additionally, their efforts to modernize their infrastructure has provided a consistent source of natural gas necessary for our membership to keep their homes warm during the winter.

During our most recent winter months, the country experienced some extreme weather events, including Winter Storm Uri that impacted many of the Southern and Midwestern states. Luckily for the St. Louis region, we had the STL Pipeline in operation so that natural gas was able to flow continuously and safely to our area residents and businesses. I fear what may happen if the pipeline is forced to shut down and we experience a similar winter weather event that we had earlier this year. Without the STL Pipeline operating and following the depletion of Spire's underground gas storage, it's estimated that all it takes for service outages in our region to begin is an average daily temperature of just 38 degrees. The pipeline is critical to resupplying demand during the extremely cold months.

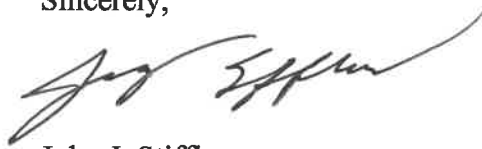
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I support STL Pipeline's temporary emergency certificate application so residents and businesses of the St. Louis region can continue to benefit from its operation. Please consider the positive impact it's had on my members, their families, our greater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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John J. Stiffler", with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

John J. Stiffler

Executive Secretary-Treasurer

St. Louis Building & Construction Trades Council

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