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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 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,

As Chairman of the Missouri House of Representatives Standing Committee on Utilities, 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).

The Missouri House Standing Committee on Utilities oversees the operation of Spire Gas company in the state of Missouri. If I have correctly read the recent ruling against the Certificate of Need for the STL Pipeline, according to the court, FERC failed to perform its due diligence. It was not Spire who was at fault. So my question is, why are Spire and the citizens of Missouri going to be penalized with higher rates when it was FERC that was at fault? Why are more than 650,000 residences and businesses in the St. Louis region suffering for FERC's error? The pipeline is in operation and rates are lower because of its operation. The citizens and businesses of Missouri benefit from this pipeline and can only be injured by some bureaucratic error. This makes no sense and quite frankly smells of other political maneuvering.

If there is a problem with FERC policies then fix them, but please don't penalize the citizens and businesses of Missouri. Times during this pandemic are difficult enough. We don't need more "political" oversight.

I support STL Pipeline's application so that the St. Louis region can avoid potentially dire and lifethreatening 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,

Bill E. Kidd

Bill Kidd State Representative, District 20 Chairman, Standing Committee on Utilities

cc. Honorable Ryan Silvey, Chair MO Public Service Commission Honorables Scott Rupp, Maida Coleman, Jason Holsman, Glenn Kolkmeyer--MO PSC