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Spire STL Pipeline LLC  
Spire STL Pipeline Project  
Docket No. PF16-9-000

July 22, 2016  
Mr. Scott Jaskowiak  
Vice President  
Spire STL Pipeline LLC  
700 Market Street  
St. Louis, MO 63101

**Re: Approval of Pre-Filing Request**

Dear Mr. Jaskowiak:

Thank you for your letter, filed July 11, 2016, requesting use of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (FERC or Commission) pre-filing review process for Spire STL Pipeline LLC ("Spire") planned Spire STL Pipeline Project. We believe that beginning the Commission's review of this proposal prior to the receipt of your application will greatly improve our ability to identify issues early and address them in our environmental document.

As stated in your letter, Spire plans to construct and operate approximately 60 miles of new 24-inch-diameter pipeline in Illinois and Missouri, and would acquire and modify approximately 9 miles of existing 20-inch-diameter natural gas pipeline in Missouri. The project would provide 400,000 dekatherms per day of natural gas to the St. Louis metropolitan area.

Your letter also stated that Spire intends to file an application no later than January 2017. When Spire files its application with the Commission, we will evaluate the progress made during the pre-filing process, based in part on your success in resolving the issues raised during scoping. Once we determine that your application is ready for processing, we will establish a schedule for completion of the environmental document and for the issuance of all other federal authorizations.

My staff has reviewed the proposals submitted for the selection of a third-party contractor to assist us in preparing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documentation. We have selected Edge Engineering and Science, LLC, (EDGE) as the third-party contractor to work solely under the direction of the Commission staff. Factors

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considered in this selection included technical approach, personnel qualifications, past work history, and clearance of any organizational conflict of interest. I request that you proceed with executing a contract with EDGE so work may begin as soon as possible. Under the third-party contract, Commission staff must have complete control over the scope, content, and quality of the contractor's work; sole ownership of all documents (other than those related to financial aspects) produced under the contract; and complete control over the schedule for completion of the third-party contractor's work. Commission staff will independently evaluate the results of the third-party contractor's work, and the Commission, through its staff, will bear ultimate responsibility for full compliance with the requirements of NEPA.

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Energy Projects' Environmental Project Manager for your project, S. Xiah Kragie at (202) 502-8933.

Sincerely,

Ann F. Miles  
Director  
Office of Energy Projects

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