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LIBERTY UTILITIES – EMPIRE DISTRICT ANNOUNCES MISSOURI ELECTRIC RATE DECREASE

JOPLIN, MO – August 16, 2018 – The Missouri Public Service Commission (MPSC) has issued an order approving a rate decrease of approximately \$17.8 million on August 15, 2018, for Liberty Utilities – Empire District Missouri electric customers. This rate decrease, effective August, 30, 2018, will take place over a 12-month period.

The order reflects a reduction in the corporate tax rate from 35% to 21% resulting from the federal Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017. Liberty Utilities - Empire District serves approximately 151,700 Missouri electric customers, who will benefit from the decrease.

For a residential electric customer using 1,000 kilowatt hours (kwh) per month, rates will decrease by approximately \$5.16 a month, a 3.57 percent decrease.

“We have been working diligently on this change with our regulatory stakeholders since early 2018. Our company looks forward to seeing our customers benefit from this adjustment as we move forward,” says David Swain, President, Central Region, Liberty Utilities – Empire District.

About Liberty Utilities

Liberty Utilities Co. owns and operates regulated water, wastewater, natural gas and electric transmission and distribution utilities in 12 states, delivering responsive and reliable essential services to over 750,000 customers across the United States. With a local approach to management, service and support, we deliver efficient, dependable services to meet the needs of our customers. Liberty Utilities provides a superior customer experience through walk-in customer centers, locally focused conservation and energy efficiency initiatives, and programs for businesses and residential customers. We measure our performance in terms of service reliability, an enjoyable customer experience, and an unwavering dedication to public and workplace safety. Liberty Utilities currently operates in Arizona, Arkansas, California, Georgia, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Massachusetts, Missouri, New Hampshire, Oklahoma and Texas. For more information, please visit www.LibertyUtilities.com.

Liberty Utilities – Empire District, Joplin, Missouri, is headquarters for the Company’s Central Region, providing electric, natural gas, water, and wastewater service to nearly 320,000 customers across six states. For more information regarding services in the Empire area, visit www.empiredistrict.com.

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