BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the Matter of Liberty Utilities (Missouri Water) LLC and Ozark International, Inc., Concerning an Agreement to Acquire the Assets of Bilyeu Ridge Water Company, LLC, Midland Water Company, Inc., Moore Bend Water Utility, LLC, Riverfork Water Company, Taney County Water, LLC, and Valley Woods Utility.

File No. WM-2018-0023

MOTION FOR ADDITIONAL TIME TO FILE PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Under authority of, and in accordance with, 4 CSR 240-2.080, Ozark International, Inc., on behalf of itself and each of its six utility subsidiaries, and Liberty Utilities (Missouri Water) LLC jointly request authority to defer until November 3, 2017, the date all parties to this case are required to file a proposed procedural schedule. The basis for the request is as follows:

1. Liberty Utilities (Missouri Water) LLC, Ozark International, Inc., and each of Ozark's utility subsidiaries are joint applicants in this case, which seeks Commission authority for Liberty to acquire the assets of all of Ozark's utility subsidiaries.

2. On October 16, 2017, the Commission issued its *Order Directing the Parties to File a Proposed Procedural Schedule*, which requires all parties to file such a schedule on or before October 24, 2017.

3. After consultation, all parties believe additional time is necessary to prepare and file such a schedule. Accordingly, the non-applicant parties – the Commission Staff, the Office of the Public Counsel, and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources – have authorized the moving parties to represent to the Commission that no party opposes the relief requested in this motion.

WHEREFORE, for the reasons previously stated, Ozark International, Inc., and Liberty Utilities (Missouri Water) LLC request the Commission issue an order modifying its previous order by extending to November 3, 2017, the date all parties to this case must file a proposed procedural schedule.

Respectfully submitted,

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ATTORNEYS FOR LIBERTY UTILITIES (MISSOURI WATER) LLC; OZARK INTERNATIONAL, INC.; BILYEU RIDGE COMPANY, LLC; WATER **MIDLAND** WATER COMPANY, INC.; MOORE BEND UTILITY, LLC; WATER **RIVERFORK** COUNTY WATER COMPANY; TANEY WATER, LLC; AND VALLEY WOODS UTILITY, LLC.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was sent via electronic mail to all parties of record this 20th day of October 2017.

/s/L. Russell Mitten