

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of Liberty Utilities (Missouri Water) LLC and)
Ozark International, Inc., Concerning an Agreement to)
Acquire the Assets of Bilyeau Ridge Water Company, LLC)
Midland Water Company, Inc., Moore Bend Water Utility,) **File No. WM-2018-0023**
LLC, Riverfork Water Company, Taney County Water, LLC)
And Valley Woods Utility)

**MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES’
COMMENTS TO STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

COMES NOW the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (“MDNR”) and, pursuant to the Commission’s November 8, 2017 *Order Adopting Procedural Schedule*, submits its comments on the Staff Recommendation filed January 5, 2018. MDNR comments as follows:

1. On September 14, 2017, Liberty Utilities (Missouri Water) LLC and Ozark International, Inc. filed their *Joint Application for Authority to Transfer Assets*.
2. MDNR filed its *Application to Intervene* in this matter. The Commission granted MDNR’s application on October 16, 2017.
3. On January 5, 2018, the Staff of the Public Service Commission submitted its *Staff Recommendation*.
4. MDNR supports the first recommendation of Staff, that the Commission authorize the sale and transfer of regulated utility assets to Liberty Utilities (Missouri Water) LLC.
5. MDNR takes no position on the remaining staff recommendations, which generally relate to rates and record-keeping matters and are, therefore, generally beyond the scope of MDNR’s interest in this matter.

WHEREFORE, the Missouri Department of Natural Resources respectfully requests that the Commission consider its comments on the recommendation of Staff.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been served electronically on all counsel of record
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