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

In the Matter of the Joint Application of	)	
Liberty Utilities (Missouri Water) LLC and	)	
The Empire District Electric Company for	)	Case No. WM-2020-0156
Authority for Missouri Water to Acquire	)	
Empire's Water Franchises and Assets	)	

## **STATUS REPORT**

COME NOW the Applicants, The Empire District Electric Company ("Empire") and Liberty Utilities (Missouri Water) LLC ("Liberty Water"), and respectfully submit this Status Report to the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission").

- 1. On April 8, 2020, the Commission issued its *Order Approving Transfer of Assets and Granting Certificate of Convenience and Necessity*, effective May 8, 2020 (the "Approval Order").
- 2. Ordered paragraph eight of the *Approval Order* provides that "(i)f closing on the water system assets does not take place within thirty days following the effective date of this order, Liberty Water and Empire shall submit a status report within five days after the thirty-day period regarding the status of closing."
- 3. For their Status Report, the Applicants note that the closing is scheduled to take place on or before June 30, 2020.
- 4. Pursuant to ordered paragraphs five and six of the *Approval Order*, Liberty Water will apply Empire's existing water tariff rules and rates to the Empire service area on an interim basis immediately after closing on the assets, and, within ten days after closing, Liberty Water will submit an adoption notice tariff sheet as a 30-day tariff filing.

WHEREFORE, the Applicants respectfully submit this Status Report. No action on the part of the Commission is requested at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

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