

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

In the Matter of the Application of Liberty Utilities)
(Missouri Water) LLC and Franklin County)
Water, nc. for Liberty to Acquire Certain Water)
Assets of Franklin County and for a Certificate)
Of Convenience and Necessity)
File No. WA-2019-0036

**STAFF’S PLEADING REGARDING ANTICIPATED DATE
OF FILING STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”), by and through counsel, and for its *Pleading* in this matter hereby states:

1. On March 13, 2019, Liberty Utilities (Missouri Water) LLC d/b/a Liberty Utilities (“Liberty Utilities” or “Applicant”) filed an *Application* with the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”) seeking authority for Liberty Utilities to purchase substantially all of the assets of Franklin County Water Company, Inc. (“Franklin County”). Liberty Utilities also requests a certificate of convenience and necessity and authority to consolidate rules, regulations, and rates applicable to Franklin County customers.

2. On March 19, 2019, the Commission issued its *Order Directing Notice and Order Directing Filing* (“Order”) directing Staff to file a pleading stating when it anticipates filing its recommendation in this matter no later than April 9, 2019.

3. Staff has begun its investigation and has issued several data requests seeking information from the Applicant necessary to provide a recommendation to the Commission. Staff anticipates filing its recommendation, or if needed, a status report, in this matter no later than June 10, 2019.

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully submits this *Pleading* for the Commission's information and consideration that Staff will provide its recommendation or a status report by June 10, 2019, in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served by electronic mail, or First Class United States Postal Mail, postage prepaid, on this 9th day of April, 2019, to all counsel of record.

/s/ Ron Irving