

**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 Authority for) **File No. WM-2020-0156**
Missouri Water to Acquire Empire's Water)
Franchises and Assets)

MOTION FOR ADDITIONAL TIME TO MARCH 27, 2020
TO FILE STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, through counsel, and files this motion for additional time to file its recommendation regarding the joint application of Liberty Utilities and The Empire District Electric Company.

1. On December 27, 2019 Liberty Utilities and Empire jointly filed an application seeking an order authorizing the transfer of Empire's water utility assets to Liberty Utilities. The Commission directed Staff to file a recommendation by February 28, 2020.

2. On February 27, 2020, Staff submitted one additional data request to Liberty Utilities. Based on the twenty days permitted for response and the time Staff needs to process the response and develop and file its recommendation, Staff should be able to file its recommendation by March 27, 2020. Staff will file earlier if it is able.

3. Staff counsel advised counsel for Liberty Utilities and Empire of the foregoing. Counsel for Liberty Utilities and Empire indicated to Staff counsel that Liberty Utilities and Empire do not oppose this motion and that Staff is authorized to state the same in this motion.

WHEREFORE Staff moves the Commission for additional time to March 27, 2020 to file its recommendation in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been electronically mailed to all parties and/or counsel of record on this 28th day of February, 2020.

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