

# BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of Liberty )  
Utilities (Missouri Water), LLC d/b/a Liberty )  
Utilities to Acquire the Water and Sewer )  
Franchises and Assets of Lakeland Heights ) **File No. WM-2020-0174**  
Water Company, Oakbrier Water Company, )  
R.D. Sewer Company LLC, and Whispering )  
Hills Water System )

## ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION OF TIME

Issue Date: March 30, 2020

Effective Date: March 30, 2020

On February 6, 2020, Liberty Utilities (Missouri Water) LLC d/b/a Liberty Utilities (Liberty Water) filed an application with the Missouri Public Service Commission requesting that the Commission approve its acquisition of the water and sewer franchises and assets of Lakeland Heights Water Company, Oakbrier Water Company, R.D. Sewer Company LLC, and Whispering Hills Water System.

Thereafter, the Commission directed the Staff of the Commission (Staff) to file a recommendation. Staff timely filed its request for additional time on March 24. Staff states it needs additional time to conduct its investigation, and obtain replies to data requests. The delays are due primarily to the logistics required to account for the COVID-19 pandemic. Parties were given a shortened time to respond to Staff's motion. No parties objected or responded.

The Commission finds that the request for additional time is reasonable and will grant it.

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. The *Motion For Extension*, filed by the Staff of the Commission on March 24, 2020, is granted.
2. The Staff of the Commission shall submit its recommendation no later than May 25, 2020.
3. This order shall be effective when issued.



**BY THE COMMISSION**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Morris L. Woodruff  
Secretary

Charles Hatcher, Regulatory Law Judge,  
by delegation of authority pursuant to  
Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 30<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.