

**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,     )  
LLC, Riverfork Water Company, Taney County Water, LLC,     )  
And Valley Woods Utility     )

**File No. WM-2018-0023**

**ORDER AND NOTICE**

Issue Date: September 14, 2017

Effective Date: September 14, 2017

On September 14, 2017, Liberty Utilities (Missouri Water) LLC d/b/a Liberty Utilities and Ozark International, Inc. filed a joint application asking the Commission to authorize Liberty Utilities to acquire the franchise and operating assets of six water and sewer companies that are wholly-owned subsidiaries of Ozark International. The six companies to be acquired by Liberty Utilities are:

- Bilyeu Ridge Water Company, LLC;
- Midland Water Company, LLC;
- Moore Bend Water Utility, LLC;
- Riverfork Water Company;
- Taney County Water, LLC; and
- Valley Woods Utility.

All of the companies to be acquired operate water systems. Valley Woods Utility also operates a sewer system.

Notice of the application should be given to the general public and interested parties and a date for intervention of proper parties should be set. The Commission's Data Center

shall mail a copy of this notice to the County Commissions of Christian, Stone, and Taney Counties. In addition, the Commission's public information officer shall make notice of this order available to the media serving Christian, Stone, and Taney Counties and to the members of the General Assembly representing those counties.

The requirement of a hearing has been fulfilled when all those having a desire to be heard are offered an opportunity to be heard. If no proper party is granted intervention, and neither the Commission's Staff nor the Office of the Public Counsel requests a hearing, the Commission may find that a hearing is not necessary for a determination on the application.<sup>1</sup>

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. The Missouri Public Service Commission's Data Center is ordered to serve notice as described in the body of this order.

2. The Missouri Public Service Commission's public information officer is ordered to serve notice as described in the body of this order.

3. Any proper person wishing to intervene in this matter shall file an application no later than October 6, 2017. Such applications shall be filed with:

Secretary  
Missouri Public Service Commission  
P.O. Box 360  
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102,

or may be filed through the Commission's electronic filing and information system (EFIS).

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<sup>1</sup> *State ex rel. Deffenderfer v. Public Service Commission*, 776 S.W.2d 494, 496 (Mo App. 1989).

4. 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 style.

Morris L. Woodruff  
Secretary

Morris L. Woodruff, Chief Regulatory  
Law Judge, by delegation of authority  
under Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017.

**STATE OF MISSOURI**

**OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

**WITNESS** my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of September 2017.



  
Morris L. Woodruff  
Secretary

**MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

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***Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).***

***Sincerely,***



***Morris L. Woodruff***  
***Secretary***

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