

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Joint Application of Liberty)
Utilities (Missouri Water), LLC d/b/a Liberty)
Utilities and The Empire District Electric)
Company for Authority for Liberty Utilities) **File No. WM-2020-0156**
(Missouri Water), LLC d/b/a Liberty Utilities to)
Acquire the Water Franchises and Assets of)
The Empire District Electric Company)

ORDER EXTENDING DEADLINE FOR STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Issue Date: February 28, 2020

Effective Date: February 28, 2020

On December 27, 2019, Liberty Utilities (Missouri Water) LLC d/b/a Liberty Utilities and The Empire District Electric Company (applicants) filed a Joint Application (application) asking the Commission to approve a sale and transfer of water utility assets between the applicants. On December 27, the Commission issued its Order Directing Notice, Setting Intervention Date and Directing Staff to File a Recommendation. The order directed the Commission Staff to file its recommendation no later than March 2, 2020.¹ On February 28, the Commission Staff filed a Motion for Additional Time to March 27, 2020 to File Staff Recommendation. Staff's motion states Staff submitted a data request to Liberty Utilities on February 27 and that because of the twenty days permitted for response and the time Staff will need thereafter to develop its recommendation, Staff may need until March 27 to file its recommendation. Staff's motion states the applicants do not oppose the motion. The Commission will grant the motion.

¹ All further date references will be to 2020, unless otherwise indicated.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Commission Staff's Motion for Additional Time to March 27, 2020 to File Staff Recommendation is sustained.
2. The Commission's Staff shall file its recommendation on the application no later than March 27, 2020.
3. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Paul T. Graham, Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 28th day of February, 2020.