

**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)
Missouri Water to Acquire Empire's Water)
Franchises and Assets)

File No. WM-2020-0156
Tariff No. YW-2021-0008

STAFF'S TARIFF ADOPTION NOTICE RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff"), through counsel, and recommends that the Commission approve the proposed substitute tariff adoption notice Liberty Utilities LLC (Missouri Water) ("Liberty Utilities") filed July 12, 2020, bearing an effective date of August 8, 2020.

1. The Commission issued its *Order Approving Transfers of Assets and Granting Certificate of Convenience and Necessity* ("Order") on May 8, 2020. Liberty Utilities filed a proposed tariff adoption notice on July 9, 2020 and a substitute proposed tariff adoption notice, which includes a proposed title page, on July 12, 2020, both bearing effective dates of August 8, 2020.

2. On July 10, 2020 the Commission ordered Staff to review Liberty Utilities' proposed tariff adoption notice and file a recommendation by July 20, 2020.

3. Staff reviewed the substitute proposed tariff adoption notice and proposed title page and determined that they are in compliance with the Commission's Order, and Staff recommends approval. Staff attaches an affidavit with this pleading verifying its review.

WHEREFORE, Staff recommends that the Commission approve Liberty Utilities' substitute proposed tariff adoption notice filed July 12, 2020, bearing an effective date of August 8, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the foregoing has been emailed to all parties and/or counsel of record on this 20th day of July, 2020.

/s/ Karen E. Bretz

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**AFFIDAVIT OF CURT B. GATELEY, MATTHEW J. BARNES,
AND ANDREW HARRIS**

STATE OF MISSOURI)
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COUNTY OF COLE) ss.

COME NOW Curt B. Gateley, Matthew J. Barnes, and Andrew Harris, and on their oaths declare that they are of sound mind and lawful age; that they contributed to the foregoing *Staff's Tariff Adoption Notice Recommendation*; and that the same is true and correct according to their best knowledge and belief, under penalty of perjury.

Further your Affiants sayeth not.

/s/ Curt B. Gateley
Curt B. Gateley

/s/ Matthew J. Barnes
Matthew J. Barnes

/s/ Andrew Harris
Andrew Harris