

**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 Liberty ) **File No. WM-2019-0379**  
Utilities (Missouri Water) LLC to Acquire the Water )  
Franchises and Assets of The Empire District )  
Electric Company )

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

**NOTICE OF NEW FILE NUMBER**

Issue Date: December 3, 2019

On June 4, 2019, Liberty Utilities (Missouri Water) LLC, d/b/a Liberty Utilities (Liberty Utilities) and The Empire District Electric Company (Empire) jointly filed notice, pursuant to Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-4.017(1), indicating their intent to file an application with the Missouri Public Service Commission for approval of the transfer of the water assets of Empire to Liberty Utilities. That filing was assigned File No. WM-2019-0379. The Commission's rule provides that if the application is not filed within 180 days, the noticed case shall close. The 180 day period expired on December 1, 2019, and on December 3, the Commission issued notice that File No. WM-2019-0379 was closed.

After that notice was issued, on December 3, Liberty Utilities and Empire filed a *Second Notice of Intended Case Filing* in File No. WM-2019-0379, indicating they planned to file their application within the next sixty days, and asking that the file remain open. Rather than reopen File No. WM-2019-0379, the Commission has assigned a new file

number, WM-2020-0156, to the *Second Notice of Intended Case Filing*. When Liberty Utilities and Empire file their application, they should do so in File No. WM-2020-0156.

**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

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

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December, 2019.