

**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 for Certificates of Convenience and)
Necessity Authorizing it to Install, Own, Acquire,) **File No. WA-2020-0397**
Construct, Operate, Control, Manage, and)
Maintain a Water System and Sewer System in)
Bolivar, Polk County, Missouri)

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION RE MOTION
FOR PARTIAL WAIVER OR MODIFICATION**

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff), through counsel, and recommends that the Commission grant the motion of Liberty Utilities (Missouri Water) LLC (Liberty) for a partial waiver or modification of paragraph 3(k) of the Commission’s *Order Approving Stipulation and Agreement, Asset Transfer, and Certificates of Convenience and Necessity* (Order)

1. The Commission’s December 8, 2021 Order grants Liberty Utilities (Missouri Water) LLC (Liberty) certificates of convenience and necessity for the Bolivar water and sewer assets. Paragraph 3(k) of the Order¹ requires Liberty to provide Customer Experience Staff with a sample of 10 billing statements within 30 days of closing on the assets.

2. On January 20, 2022 Liberty filed a *Status Report and Motion for Partial Waiver or Modification* requesting a partial waiver or modification of paragraph 3(k), because it plans to close on February 1, 2022 and issue its first billing statements on or about March 7, 2022. Liberty’s states that it will provide Staff with a sample of 10 billing statements by March 15, 2022.

¹ Order, P. 11.

3. On January 21, 2022, the Commission ordered Staff to file a recommendation by February 1, 2022 regarding Liberty's motion.

4. Staff has no objection to Liberty's motion and recommends that it be granted.

WHEREFORE, Staff recommends that the Commission grant Liberty's request for a partial waiver or modification of paragraph 3(k) of the Order, which requires Liberty to submit 10 sample billing statements within 30 days of closing on the Bolivar water and sewer assets.

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 26th day of January, 2022.

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