# BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of Liberty Utilities )
(Missouri Water) LLC and Franklin County )
Water, Inc. for Liberty to Acquire Certain Water )
Assets of Franklin County and for a Certificate )
Of Convenience and Necessity )

File No. WA-2019-0036

### ORDER DIRECTING NOTICE AND ORDER DIRECTING FILING

Issue Date: March 19, 2019 Effective Date: March 19, 2019

On March 13, 2019, Liberty Utilities (Missouri Water) LLC d/b/a Liberty Utilities ("Liberty Utilities") filed an application with the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") seeking authority for Liberty Utilities to purchase substantially all of the assets of Franklin County Water Company, Inc. ("Franklin County"). Liberty Utilities also requests a certificate of convenience and necessity and authority to consolidate rules, regulations, and rates applicable to Franklin County customers.

Section 393.190.1, RSMo 2016, requires that when transactions such as the one described in the application are submitted to the Commission for approval, the Commission must send notice "to the county clerk of each county in which any portion of a political subdivision which will be affected by such disposition is located." Since the application states that the water facilities being sold are located in Franklin County, the Commission will direct its Data Center to send a copy of this order to the county clerk and county commission of Franklin County, Missouri, and to include Franklin County Water

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The application was filed pursuant to Section 393.190, RSMo 2016, and Commission Rules 4 CSR 240-2.060 and 4 CSR 240-4.10.105.

Company, Inc. as a party to this matter. The Commission will also establish deadlines for persons wishing to intervene and a preliminary response from its Staff.

#### THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

- 1. The Commission's Data Center shall send a copy of this order to the county clerk and county commission of Franklin County, Missouri, and include Franklin County Water Company, Inc. as a party to this matter.
- 2. The Commission's Public Information Officer shall make notice of this order available to the members of the General Assembly representing Franklin County, Missouri and to the media serving Franklin County, Missouri.
- 3. Any interested person wishing to intervene in this case shall file an application to intervene no later than April 9, 2019.
- 4. No later than April 9, 2019, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall file a pleading stating when it anticipates filing its recommendation in this matter.
  - 5. This order shall become effective when issued.

BY THE COMMISSION

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Michael Bushmann, Senior Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019.

### 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 19<sup>th</sup> day of March 2019.

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Morris L. Woodruff Secretary

## MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION March 19, 2019

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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

Recipients listed above with a valid e-mail address will receive electronic service. Recipients without a valid e-mail address will receive paper service.