

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE  
COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of an Investigation into the	)	
Operation and Condition of Liberty	)	Case Nos. WO-2022-0253
Utilities (Missouri Water) LLC	)	and SO-2022-0254

**NOTICE OF SUBMISSION**

COMES NOW Liberty Utilities (Missouri Water) LLC (“Liberty” or the “Company”) and provides notice of the submission of its Asset Management and Capital Improvement Plan. No action on the part of the Missouri Public Service Commission is requested at this time.

1. On March 23, 2022, Staff’s Motion to Open an Investigatory Docket was filed, and on March 30, 2022, the Commission issued its *Order Opening an Investigation* granting Staff’s Motion, ordering a fact-finding investigation, and noting that the Commission would not take any action regarding Liberty within this investigation. This docket was subsequently closed.

2. Liberty’s corporate purpose is “sustaining energy and water for life.” We work hard to better the lives of our customers and the communities we serve, and the goal is always to provide safe and reliable utility service through excellent customer service. Liberty appreciated the opportunity to work with Staff during the fact-finding investigation and appreciated Staff’s time and efforts in this regard. Following written discovery, a public meeting, and additional discussions between Staff and Company representatives, the Staff Report was filed herein on November 23, 2022.

3. The Staff Report included the following recommendation: “Liberty should file an Asset Management and Capital Improvement Plan each year between January 1st and January 15th. It may include information obtained from consulting engineers and contract operators, but it should also include information from a physical inspection of the above ground assets by Liberty employees specifically for the purpose of asset management and infrastructure planning.”

4. Looking forward to demonstrating continuing improvement and growth in the provision of its water and wastewater services in Missouri, Liberty generally agreed with the recommendation and committed to filing an Asset Management and Capital Improvement Plan by February 28 of each year. The timing adjustment from Staff's recommendation allows for the finalization of the Company's year-end budgeting process.

5. In compliance with Staff's recommendation and Liberty's commitment, attached hereto is Liberty's first annual Asset Management and Capital Improvement Plan for its water and wastewater systems. The report is a snapshot in time and contains a recap of 2023 calendar year activities and current budget plans for the next five years, including the following additional information:

- a. discussion on physical inspections of the above ground assets for the purpose of asset management and infrastructure planning;
- b. descriptions of projects completed and placed in service during the previous year with actual costs and planned projects for the next five years with budgeted costs, along with the reasons the projects are necessary;
- c. for the reporting period capital expenditures, the difference between dollars budgeted and dollars spent, with a summary of the reason for any significant discrepancies;
- d. dates of the last physical inspection and cleaning of sewer collection systems;
- e. inflow and infiltration reduction efforts;
- f. planned security or employee safety improvements for treatment systems; and
- g. plans for any upgrades required by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources.

6. Priorities, projects, and plans are prone to shift based on evolving needs, technology, supply chain issues, and the economic landscape, which will likely result in adjustments to the reported budgets and spending forecasts as we move forward. Liberty continuously evaluates and analyzes the needs of its customers and its facilities and strives to

maximize the value of every dollar and every hour of labor spent to provide reliable and affordable water and wastewater services to our customers.

WHEREFORE, Liberty respectfully submits this Notice of Submission regarding its first annual Asset Management and Capital Improvement Plan. No action on the part of the Commission is requested at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that the above document was filed in EFIS on this 28<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024, and sent by electronic transmission to the Staff of the Commission and the Office of the Public Counsel.

/s/ Diana C. Carter