

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

In the Matter of the Request of Liberty Utilities (Missouri Water) LLC d/b/a Liberty for Authority to Implement a General Rate Increase for Water and Wastewater Service Provided in its Missouri Service Areas))))))))))))	Case No. WR-2024-0104
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**THE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC COUNSEL’S REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL
LOCAL PUBLIC HEARING**

COMES NOW the Office of the Public Counsel (“OPC” or “Public Counsel”) and for its Request for Additional Local Public Hearing, states as follows:

1. On August 27, 2024, Representative Mitch Boggs’ office contacted the Public Service Commission (“PSC”) and requested that an additional hearing be held in Lawrence County regarding Missouri Water’s request for a revenue increase due to the length of travel required for in-person hearings and the complexity of virtual hearings for citizens in his district.

2. The OPC was later informed of Representative Boggs’ request and contacted Staff and Missouri Water to inform them of its intent to request an additional local public hearing in Lawrence County and see if there were any objections.

3. Both Staff and Missouri Water informed the Public Counsel that they neither consent nor oppose the OPC’s request for an additional local public hearing in Lawrence County.

4. The OPC recognizes that providing notice of an additional public hearing to customers in Lawrence County and conducting a public hearing before the November evidentiary hearing could be challenging.

5. The additional cost of the requested local public hearing is also a consideration the OPC asks the Commission to factor into its decision. The OPC would support additional methods of notice such as e-mail notice to customers in the area, and a more targeted effort of alerting the media to help inform customers.

WHEREFORE, the Office of the Public Counsel respectfully requests the Commission permit an additional local public hearing to take place in Lawrence County per Representative Mitch Boggs' request.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the forgoing have been mailed, emailed, or hand-delivered to all counsel of record this fifth day of September, 2024.

/s/ Anna Martin