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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
STATE OF MISSOURI

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS
LOCAL PUBLIC HEARING

In the Matter of the Request)
of Liberty Utilities, LLC,)
d/b/a Liberty for Authority)
to Implement a General Rate) File No WR-2024-0104
Increase for Water and)
Wastewater Service Provided)
In its Missouri Service Areas)

Tuesday, September 24, 2024
12:20 P.M.

Volume VI

WASHINGTON COUNTY LIBRARY - LARGE MEETING ROOM
235 E. HIGH STREET
POTOSI, MO 63664

KENNETH J. SEYER
REGULATORY LAW JUDGE

KAYLA HAHN, CHAIR
MAIDA J. COLEMAN
JASON R. HOLSMAN
GLEN KOLKMEYER

Reported by:

COLIN WALLIS
LEXITAS LEGAL

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2 (The hearing began at 12:30 p.m.)

3 REGULATORY LAW JUDGE SEYER: Okay, let's
4 get started today. I understand we have a bad
5 internet connection today, so we do not have a
6 court reporter online. But we will record this
7 hearing; and, so, with that in mind, let's go
8 on the record. Today is September 14th, 2024.
9 It is 12:30 p.m. My name is Ken Seyer. I'm a
10 Regulatory Law Judge with the Missouri Public
11 Service Commission, and I will preside over
12 this hearing, such as it is.

13 We do not have any Liberty customers here
14 today to testify, but we have set this time for
15 a local public hearing at the Washington County
16 Library in Potosi to give members of the public
17 an opportunity to comment about their --
18 Liberty's general rate increase application,
19 which is Commission file number WR-2024-0104.

20 With me today is Commissioner Maida
21 Coleman and joining us online are Chair Kayla
22 Hahn, Commissioner Jason Holsman and
23 Commissioner Glen Kolkmeier. At this time,
24 would any of the commissioners like to make
25 remarks? Commissioner Coleman.

1 COMMISSIONER COLEMAN: Thank you, Judge.
2 Well, thank you all for being here.
3 Unfortunately, we have no customers, any
4 consumers, to come and give us any input. But,
5 of course, it's important whether Liberty's
6 customers, the Office of Public Counsel, the
7 representatives, the intervenors, if any, the
8 Staff shows up so that we can do our jobs and
9 do due diligence. We appreciate the work that
10 everyone puts into understanding that
11 local public hearings are important. So, on
12 behalf of Commissioner Kayla Hahn and our other
13 commissioners, we appreciate the fact that work
14 is being done, regardless of the turnout.

15 We also want to thank our always present
16 law enforcement, who comes to these meetings to
17 support the work of the state. So, again,
18 thank each and every one of you for your
19 attendance today.

20 REGULATORY LAW JUDGE SEYER: Thank you.
21 Would any of the other commissioners like to
22 make any remarks? Okay. And there are
23 attorneys representing the parties in this
24 matter; so, for the record, would each of you
25 identify yourselves and state which party

1 you're representing, beginning with Liberty?

2 MS. CARTER: Diana Carter for Liberty
3 Utilities Missouri Water, LLC.

4 REGULATORY LAW JUDGE SEYER: All right.
5 And for the Staff?

6 MS. ASLIN: Casi Aslin for Staff.

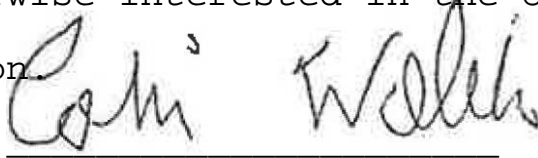
7 REGULATORY LAW JUDGE SEYER: And the
8 Office of Public Counsel?

9 MR. POSTON: Marc Poston, the Office of
10 the Public Counsel.

11 REGULATORY LAW JUDGE SEYER: All right.
12 Thank you. Although, there are no customers
13 here to testify today, if there are customers
14 that view this later and would like to make
15 comments, can you submit those comments on the
16 Commission's website, which is PSC.mo.gov; and
17 on the right side of that homepage, there's a
18 link titled Submit Comments. You can click on
19 that link, submit comments; and, if you do so,
20 make sure that you reference this case number
21 WR-2024-0104.

22 I don't know that there's anything else we
23 need to put on the record. So, with that, I
24 will adjourn the hearing, and we'll go off the
25 record.

1 I, Colin Wallis, in and for the State of
2 Missouri do hereby certify that the witness
3 whose testimony appears in the foregoing
4 Examination Under Oath was duly sworn by me;
5 that the testimony of the said witness was
6 taken by me to the best of my ability and
7 thereafter reduced to typewriting under my
8 direction; that I am neither counsel for,
9 related to, nor employed by any of the parties
10 to the action in which this examination was
11 taken, and further that I am not relative or
12 employee of any attorney or counsel employed by
13 the parties thereto, nor financially or
14 otherwise interested in the outcome of the
15 action.


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