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EMPIRE DISTRICT AND WILDCAT GLADES PARTNER TO OFFER ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS

JOPLIN, MO – August 3, 2017 – Empire District announced today the availability of electric vehicle (EV) charging stations at the Wildcat Glades Conservation & Audubon Center. The media and members of the public are invited to a plug-in event at 1:30 p.m. on August 4, 2017 to showcase the new charger. Electric vehicles from Empire's fleet will also be available. The event will be held at the charging station located in the Wildcat Glades Conservation & Audubon Center parking lot.

The charging station was installed as part of Empire's new electric vehicle incentive program. EVOLVe is an initiative to encourage broader adoption of clean, efficient electric vehicles. The initiative includes rebate incentives, educational outreach, and increased availability of EV charging stations within the Empire District Electric Company service area.

"As responsible stewards of the environment, embracing the concept of electric vehicles makes sense both environmentally and economically." explains Brent Baker, Vice President of Customer Experience at Empire. "We are excited to partner with Wildcat Glades in offering EV charging for their visitors."

The charging station at the Wildcat Glades Conservation & Audubon Center is part of the ChargePoint EV charging network. ChargePoint operates the world's largest and most open EV network. For more information, or to download the free mobile app, visit www.chargepoint.com. To learn more about the EVOLVe program, visit www.evolvewithempire.com.

Based in Joplin, Missouri, The Empire District Electric Company is a subsidiary of Liberty Utilities Co. and headquarters for the Liberty Utilities Central Region, providing electric, natural gas, water, and wastewater service to nearly 340,000 customers across seven states. A subsidiary of the company provides fiber optic services. For more information regarding Empire, visit www.empiredistrict.com. For more information about Liberty Utilities, visit www.libertyutilities.com.

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