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**LIBERTY UTILITIES - EMPIRE  
ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT OF RON HERSTEIN**

JOPLIN, MO – March 16, 2018 – Mr. Ron Herstein retired from the Company on February 28, 2018, following 46 years of service in the gas area.

Mr. Herstein started his career in the natural gas field with the Missouri Public Service in April 1972. He joined the Company in June 2006 as a Pipefitter in Nevada, MO. He was later promoted to Gas Serviceman, the position he held at retirement.

Mr. Herstein is a member of the Nevada Country Club and has been president of the board for two terms and a member of the Nevada Elks #564 Club for 23 years.

Herstein has been an Extra Class Amateur Radio Operator since 1977. He has provided communication services in several disaster events since 1976.

Mr. Herstein and his wife, Judith, have four children, ten grandchildren, and one great grandson.

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