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**LIBERTY UTILITIES – EMPIRE DISTRICT ANNOUNCES COMMISSION SUPPORT OF CUSTOMER SAVINGS PLAN**

JOPLIN, MO – July 11, 2018 – Liberty Utilities – Empire District announces commission support of its Customer Savings Plan. An order approving portions of the plan was issued by the Missouri Public Service Commission (MPSC) in Jefferson City, MO, on July 11, 2018.

The MPSC has supported the addition of 600 MW of wind generation to be located within the Southwest Power Pool. The company's financial modeling estimates customer savings of close to \$300 million over the 30 year investment horizon for the new generating stations.

“We are pleased to announce that the MPSC has issued an order supporting our Customer Savings Plan, an exciting new initiative that results in the addition of 600 MW of wind energy to be located within the Southwest Power Pool footprint. With this support, we can begin to move in a direction that will save money for our customers while providing a sustainable source of safe, reliable, and clean energy. We are eager to continue working with commissioners as we move toward the successful completion of this initiative,” said David Swain, Central Region President, Liberty Utilities.

**About Liberty Utilities – Empire District**

Liberty Utilities – Empire District, Joplin, Missouri, is a subsidiary of U.S. based Liberty Utilities Co., and headquarters for the Liberty Utilities' Central Region, providing electric, natural gas, water, and wastewater service to nearly 320,000 customers across six states. For more information regarding services in the Empire area, visit [www.empiredistrict.com](http://www.empiredistrict.com). For more information about Liberty Utilities, visit [www.libertyutilities.com](http://www.libertyutilities.com).

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