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**LIBERTY UTILITIES – EMPIRE DISTRICT
ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT OF SHANE DRYE**

JOPLIN, MO – August 9, 2018 – Mr. Shane Drye retired from the Company on June 29, 2018, following 40 years of service.

Mr. Drye began his career in 1978 as a Temporary Laborer. During his employment, Drye also worked as a Temp Utility 2nd Class, Meter Repairman, Treatment Plant Operator, Chief Operator, SCADA Technician, Production Supervisor, and Environmental Health and Safety Manager, the position he held at retirement.

Mr. Drye graduated from Rison High School and Seark College in Pine Bluff, Arkansas.

Mr. Drye married his wife, Cynthia, in 1983.

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