

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****LIBERTY UTILITIES FINALIZES ACQUISITION OF OZARK INTERNATIONAL WATER & SEWER**

JOPLIN, MO – August 17, 2018 – After recent approval by the Missouri Public Service Commission (MPSC), Liberty Utilities has finalized the acquisition of Ozark International Water & Sewer on August 17, 2018. This acquisition includes Bilyeu Ridge Water Company, Midland Water Company, Moore Bend Water Utility, Riverfork Water Company, Taney County Water, and Valley Woods Utility. Liberty Utilities proudly welcomes approximately 900 new water and wastewater customers to the Central Region.

Payments from these customers will now be processed through the Liberty Utilities – Empire District Corporate office in Joplin, MO. At this time, customers will continue to make payments at the Ozark International walk-in payment center in Nixa while transition work is being finalized. Customers are anticipated to be added to the Liberty Utilities – Empire District Customer Watch system in September 2018, and will then have access to MyAccount and Online Payment Options.

About Liberty Utilities

Liberty Utilities Co. owns and operates regulated water, wastewater, natural gas and electric transmission and distribution utilities in 12 states, delivering responsive and reliable essential services to over 750,000 customers across the United States. With a local approach to management, service and support, we deliver efficient, dependable services to meet the needs of our customers. Liberty Utilities provides a superior customer experience through walk-in customer centers, locally focused conservation and energy efficiency initiatives, and programs for businesses and residential customers. We measure our performance in terms of service reliability, an enjoyable customer experience, and an unwavering dedication to public and workplace safety. Liberty Utilities currently operates in Arizona, Arkansas, California, Georgia, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Massachusetts, Missouri, New Hampshire, Oklahoma and Texas. For more information, please visit www.LibertyUtilities.com.

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