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LIBERTY UTILITIES – EMPIRE DISTRICT CELEBRATES DRIVE ELECTRIC WEEK

JOPLIN, MO – September 10, 2018 – Liberty Utilities - Empire District celebrates National Drive Electric Week by sharing valuable information regarding electric vehicle (EV) use.

National Drive Electric Week, September 8-16, 2018, is a nationwide celebration to heighten awareness of today's widespread availability of plug-in vehicles and highlight the benefits of all-electric and plug-in hybrid-electric cars, trucks, motorcycles, and more. EVs are fun to drive, are less expensive and more convenient to fuel than gasoline vehicles, are better for the environment, promote local jobs, and reduce our dependence on foreign oil.

As technology develops, there are even more reasons to consider driving an EV. According to Fleetcarma.com, although electricity and gas prices vary regionally, on average, a gallon of gasoline in the US costs twice as much as the equivalent electricity. Additionally, EVs have fewer moving parts than gas-powered vehicles, which reduces the need for maintenance. Range anxiety, the worry an EV-driver may experience when traveling in an area with few charging locations, also continues to decrease for buyers as utilities budget for community charger installments. You can check out the Empire District app for a complete list of Missouri charging stations installed by Liberty Utilities – Empire District.

Are you considering going electric? Visit our website to learn about EVOLVe, Liberty Utilities – Empire District's initiative to encourage broader adoption of clean, efficient EVs. The initiative includes outreach and increased availability of EV charging stations within the Liberty Utilities – Empire District service area.

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.

Liberty Utilities – Empire District, Joplin, Missouri, is headquarters for the Company’s 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.

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