
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**LIBERTY UTILITIES REACHES MILESTONE IN BRINGING 100% RENEWABLE ENERGY GENERATION TO SOUTHWEST MISSOURI AND SOUTHEAST KANSAS**

JOPLIN, MO – Thursday, June 20, 2019 – Liberty Utilities – Empire District (“Liberty-Empire”) is pleased to announce that its efforts to bring 100% renewable energy generation to customers moved one step closer to reality. On Wednesday, June 19, 2019, the Missouri Public Service Commission (MPSC) voted unanimously to grant Liberty - Empire certificates of convenience and necessity to acquire, once completed, three wind farms generating up to 600 megawatts of wind energy located in Barton, Dade, Lawrence, and Jasper Counties in Missouri and in Neosho County, Kansas. Liberty-Empire collectively refers to these projects as its Customer Savings Plan.

This approval marks the beginning of the construction phase for the company’s wind generation sites, which will be the first of their kind in Southwest Missouri. Construction is expected to begin in the fall of 2019 and to be completed by the end of 2020. The Customer Savings Plan is expected to result in the investment of more than \$1 billion, and Liberty-Empire expects to meet a material portion of its financing requirements through the use of existing federal tax credits. Development of this cost-competitive new wind capacity will drive positive benefits for its customers. Liberty-Empire estimates customer savings of approximately \$169 million over the first 20 years after implementation and approximately \$300 million over the 30-year investment horizon.

Changes in costs, innovation, and technology have made generating wind energy in the region cost-effective and reliable. In addition to providing long-term cost savings to customers, these wind farms will provide meaningful economic benefits to our communities, including tax revenue for the communities and states where the farms are located; a steady source of income for landowners who lease their property for wind turbines; hundreds of jobs during construction; and full-time, ongoing operations jobs over the life of the project. The wind farms will also provide environmental benefits to Liberty Utilities customers by generating 100% renewable energy that will create no polluting emissions during operation; consume no water; and contribute to healthier, more sustainable communities.

“This approval from the MPSC represents an exciting step forward for our Customer Savings Plan,” said David Swain, Liberty Utilities Central Region President. “As an organization, our team focuses on meeting today’s energy needs safely and reliably while also ensuring a sustainable future. Projects like these wind farms benefit our region today and will for decades to come. We’re thrilled to move forward on this project and to bring local, renewable energy to the region.”

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 nearly 780,000 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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