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**EMPIRE DISTRICT – LIBERTY UTILITIES CENTRAL
ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT OF KENT MEDLIN**



JOPLIN, MO – February 03, 2017 – Mr. Kent Medlin retired from The Empire District Electric Company on December 31, 2016, following 15 years of service.

After performing contract work for the Company, Mr. Medlin officially joined the Empire staff in June 2001 in Telecommunications and Fiber Optic Sales. He continued in this role until his retirement.

Previously, Mr. Medlin was a Territory Manager for Burroughs Corporation. He is a former Account Manager for HBO/McKesson and a former Director for ePartner Solutions.

Mr. Medlin graduated from Pittsburg High School in Pittsburg, Kansas. He attended Pittsburg State University and graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration.

Mr. Medlin and his wife, Christen, have three children and four grandchildren.

Based in Joplin, Missouri, The Empire District Electric Company is a subsidiary of Liberty Utilities Co. Empire District is a regulated utility providing electric, natural gas (through its wholly owned subsidiary The Empire District Gas Company), and water service, with approximately 218,000 customers in Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma and Arkansas. A subsidiary of the company provides fiber optic services. For more information regarding Empire, visit www.empiredistrict.com. For more information about Liberty Utilities, visit www.libertyutilities.com.

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