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**EMPIRE DISTRICT – LIBERTY UTILITIES CENTRAL
ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT OF KATHLEEN McGUIRE**



JOPLIN, MO – February 03, 2017 – Ms. Kathleen McGuire retired from The Empire District Electric Company on January 31, 2017, following 17 years of service.

Ms. McGuire joined the Company in July 1999 as an Associate Contact Center Representative. She advanced to Senior Contact Center Representative in March 2004, the position she held at retirement.

Ms. McGuire graduated from McAuley Regional High School in Joplin, Missouri. She then attended Missouri Southern State University.

Previously, Ms. McGuire owned/operated Westside Mini Storage. She is a former Jasper County Clerk and a former Legal Assistant for the Law Firm of Daniel Leary.

Ms. McGuire has three children and three grandchildren.

Ms. McGuire is a charter member of Joplin Area Habitat for Humanity, former President, Secretary, and Treasurer. She is also a former member of Soroptomist International of Joplin, former member of Joplin Area Business Club, and former member of Joplin and Carthage Chambers of Commerce.

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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