



**EMPIRE DISTRICT WILL BRIEF THE MEDIA ON THE DEMOLITION
PROJECT UNDERWAY AT THE RIVERTON POWER PLANT**

JOPLIN, MO – June 6, 2017 – The Empire District Electric Company will hold a briefing and tour at its Riverton Power Plant on Thursday, June 8, at 10 a.m. to update members of the media on the demolition of retired coal-fired generating units originally installed in the 1950's.

The update will include details of the controlled implosion of the exhaust stack and the boiler units, scheduled to occur later this month. Those who wish to take part in the briefing and tour should contact:

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The site tour will require hard hats, vests, and safety glasses, which will be provided. Flat, close-toed shoes appropriate for a construction site will also be required.

Based in Joplin, Missouri, The Empire District Electric Company is a subsidiary of Liberty Utilities Co. and headquarters for the Liberty Utilities Central Region, providing electric, natural gas, water, and wastewater service to nearly 340,000 customers across seven states. 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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