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EMPIRE UPDATE: SCHEDULED OUTAGE TO BE POSTPONED

JOPLIN, MO – December 15, 2017 – The Empire District Electric Company has **postponed** a brief service interruption for portions of the Downtown Joplin, Missouri, area. This outage was originally scheduled to occur on December 17, 2017, but due to potential weather complications, this outage will be rescheduled to occur at a later date.

Customers will be informed once a new date and time have been scheduled for the outage to occur. This scheduled outage is the result of substation maintenance and is necessary to ensure the safety of those involved. This project is part of an ongoing initiative to strengthen the delivery system and enhance reliability for customers.

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 320,000 customers across six 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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