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**LIBERTY UTILITIES - EMPIRE  
ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT OF JERRY GRAY**

JOPLIN, MO – March 16, 2018 – Mr. Jerry Gray retired from the Company on February 28, 2018, following 41 years of service.

Mr. Gray joined the Company in February 1977, as a Relay Technician at the Asbury Power Plant. He was later promoted to Relay Technician Foreman, the position he held at retirement.

Mr. Gray is a graduate of Missouri Southern State University.

Mr. Gray is an Executive Board Member of IBEW . He attends the Church of Christ.

Mr. Gray and his wife, Kathy, have five children and eleven grandchildren.

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