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**LIBERTY UTILITIES - EMPIRE
ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT OF DON AVONDET**

JOPLIN, MO – March 16, 2018 – Mr. Don Avondet retired from the Company on March 31, 2018, following 17 years of service.

Mr. Avondet joined the Company in February 2001 as a Mechanic at the Ozark Transportation department. He transferred to the Joplin Transportation department in 2009.

Mr. Avondet is a graduate of Nashville Auto Diesel College.

Previously, Avondet worked for Altec Industries as a Mobile Service Tech for the four-state area.

Mr. Avondet and his wife, Brucene, have two children and five grandchildren.

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