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**LIBERTY UTILITIES - EMPIRE  
ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT OF DARLENE JOHNSON**



JOPLIN, MO – March 19, 2018 – Darlene Johnson retired from the Company on December 31, 2017, following 33 years of service.

Johnson joined the Company in July 1984 as a Computer Operator III and was later promoted to Senior Computer Operator. Johnson also held the positions of Operations Support Specialist, and Senior Technical Support Specialist, the position she held at retirement.

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