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**LIBERTY UTILITIES - EMPIRE
ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT OF MIKE JONES**

JOPLIN, MO – March 20, 2018 – Mike Jones retired from the Company on February 28, 2018, following 39 years of service.

Jones began his career in February 1979 as a Laborer at the Asbury plant. Later, he worked as a Meter Reader 1st Class, Journeyman Lineman, and Line Foreman. In January 1998, Jones was promoted to Manager of Line Operations in Neosho, Missouri, the position he held at retirement.

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