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**LIBERTY UTILITIES – EMPIRE DISTRICT  
ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT OF PETE BABB**



JOPLIN, MO – April 24, 2018 – Mr. Pete Babb retired from the Company on March 31, 2018, following 22 years of service.

Mr. Babb started his career in May 1979 as a Rate Analyst in Joplin. He later began working as a Corporate Planner, and then moved to Human Resources as Manager of Training and Development. Mr. Babb left the Company in 1995 to pursue other opportunities. He returned in 2011 as the Human Resources Assistant Director. In 2016, Mr. Babb was promoted to the Director of Human Resources, the position he held at retirement.

Mr. Babb graduated from East Newton High School in Granby, Missouri and Missouri State University in Springfield, Missouri.

In his time away from the Company, Mr. Babb was employed by Sunbeam Outdoor products as Manager of Technical Training, Midcon Cables and Schreiber Foods as HR Manager, and by Miracle Recreation as Director of Human Resources.

Mr. Babb and his wife, Pam, have two sons, a daughter, and five grandchildren.

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