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**LIBERTY UTILITIES – EMPIRE DISTRICT TO HOLD GROUNDBREAKING
FOR BAXTER SPRINGS SERVICE CENTER**

JOPLIN, MO – June 26, 2018 – Liberty Utilities – Empire District will hold a groundbreaking ceremony for the Baxter Springs Service Center, Friday, June 29, 2018, at 10 a.m. at 939 W. 5th Street, Baxter Springs, Kansas.

The current service center in Baxter Springs, Kansas, 905 Ottawa Road, was built in the early 1960s. Crossland Construction is set to begin work on the new service center on July 9, 2018. The new building will accommodate for the length of new trucks, will meet all new code requirements, and will be more energy efficient. Additionally, the layout of the new structure will allow room for growth, storage, in-person customer service, and overall safer and more efficient operations.

Liberty Utilities – Empire District continues to work to improve reliability across its entire footprint in the central region. Jeff Westfall, Director of Transmission & Distribution Operations for Liberty Central notes “The new service center is part of a continued investment to better serve customers in the southeast Kansas and northeast Oklahoma area”.

Liberty Utilities – Empire District, Joplin, Missouri, is a subsidiary of U.S. based Liberty Utilities Co., and headquarters for the Company’s Central Region, providing electric, natural gas, water, and wastewater service to nearly 320,000 customers across six states. A subsidiary of the company provides fiber optic services. For more information regarding services in the Empire area, visit www.empiredistrict.com. For more information about Liberty Utilities, visit www.libertyutilities.com.

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