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**LIBERTY UTILITIES - EMPIRE DISTRICT CONDUCTS  
AERIAL TRANSMISSION LINE INSPECTION**

JOPLIN, MO – September 11, 2018 – Liberty Utilities - Empire District will begin its annual aerial inspection of Company transmission lines and substations this week. This inspection is expected to run Thursday, September 13, through Friday, September 28; however, the length of the program is dependent upon weather and wind conditions. The helicopter tail-number will be N306PH.

The aerial inspection process uses a low-flying helicopter to survey approximately 1,300 miles of transmission line throughout Liberty's local electric service territory. The survey focuses on identifying potential problems with transmission structures, hardware, conductors, and vegetation. The process uses a high-resolution infrared imaging system to detect potential equipment issues that may go undetected in a typical visual inspection.

According to Jeff Westfall, Central Region Director of Transmission and Distribution Operations, "Annual aerial inspection is an important part of our routine maintenance program designed to ensure safe and reliable operation of the transmission system. The high-resolution infrared system helps us detect and address issues before they result in an outage for customers."

**About Liberty Utilities**

Liberty Utilities Co. owns and operates regulated water, wastewater, natural gas and electric transmission and distribution utilities in 12 states, delivering responsive and reliable essential services to over 750,000 customers across the United States. With a local approach to management, service and support, we deliver efficient, dependable services to meet the needs of our customers. Liberty Utilities provides a superior customer experience through walk-in customer centers, locally focused conservation and energy efficiency initiatives, and programs for businesses and residential customers. We measure our performance in terms of service reliability, an enjoyable customer experience, and an unwavering dedication to public and workplace safety. Liberty Utilities currently operates in Arizona, Arkansas, California, Georgia, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Massachusetts, Missouri, New Hampshire, Oklahoma and Texas. For more information, please visit [www.LibertyUtilities.com](http://www.LibertyUtilities.com).

Liberty Utilities – Empire District, Joplin, Missouri, is headquarters for the Company’s Central Region, providing electric, natural gas, water, and wastewater service to nearly 320,000 customers across six states. For more information regarding services in the Empire area, visit [www.empiredistrict.com](http://www.empiredistrict.com).

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