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LIBERTY UTILITIES ANNOUNCES RATE UPDATES FOR KANSAS ELECTRIC CUSTOMERS

JOPLIN, MO – August 2, 2019 –On Tuesday July 30, 2019, The Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC) ordered an approval to change rates for Liberty Utilities - Empire District Kansas electric customers. Under the approved settlement agreement, RG-Residential (non-total electric) customers with an average monthly usage of 1,000 kWh will see an approximate increase of \$5.26 per month. The new rates, shown in the chart below, will take effect beginning August 1.

Total Monthly Bill Impact (for non-total electric residential customer using 1,000 kWh)								
	1,000 kWh Energy	Energy Cost Adjustment	AER Rider	Customer Charge	Property Tax Rider	TDC Rider		Total
Previous Rates	\$ 65.60	\$ 3.18	\$ 7.98	\$ 14.00	\$ 1.32	0	0	\$ 92.08
Updated Rates	\$ 65.26	\$ 3.18	\$ -	\$ 14.25	\$ 1.32	\$ 13.33	\$ -	\$ 97.34
Change Amount	\$ (0.34)	\$ -	\$ (7.98)	\$ 0.25	\$ -	\$ 13.33	\$ -	\$ 5.26
							Total change	5.72%

One-Time Bill Credit - A Customer Benefit

Kansas electric customers will see a one-time bill credit during the month of August, which is based on federal tax law changes. This one-time credit will be approximately \$108 for the average RG-Residential customer and will be displayed on the new bill in a line item labeled “Tax Change Rider”.

Other Bill Changes

Kansas electric customers will see a new line item on their bills to reflect various items related to the federal Tax Cuts and Jobs Act which was signed into law in December 2017. This figure, a potential credit or charge, will allow the company to remain compliant with tax laws and will be re-calculated and approved by the KCC on an annual basis.

Additionally, Kansas electric customers will also see a new line item, labeled Transmission Delivery Charge (TDC) Rider, which allows for transmission assets and expenses to be updated annually using the FERC- approved Transmission Formula Rates.

Beginning in August, the Asbury Environmental and Riverton Rider (AER) will no longer be a separate line item on customers’ bills, as this amount will now be reflected in base rates.

Investments in Infrastructure and Reliability

Since its last base rate increase in January 2012, Liberty – Empire has invested approximately \$317 million in its generation fleet, largely related to mandated environmental upgrades at its Asbury Power Plant and the construction of its Riverton 12 Combined Cycle unit. Liberty – Empire has also invested over \$566 million in additional plant improvements and in its transmission and distribution system for increased reliability and distribution integrity.

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 nearly 780,000 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.

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