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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Vehicle Accident Damages Liberty Utilities' Lexington, Missouri Pressure Reduction Station**  
*System Evaluated and Returned to Service with No Interruption in Service to Customers*

At approximately 6:30 a.m. this morning, a motor vehicle accident led to the damage of Liberty Utilities' pressure reduction station located at the corner of Highland Avenue and Highway 224 in Lexington, Missouri. Safety is our number one priority at Liberty Utilities; we immediately sent crews to the location to assess the damage and shut off the affected line. We have since restored service to the affected line, and gas service to our approximately 2,500 customers was not interrupted. Crews are on site making repairs.

***Keeping our customers safe with precautionary testing in the coming days***

Over the next several days, Liberty Utilities crews will conduct leak surveys throughout the Lexington area including visiting each individual customer home. During the home visits, crews will first identify themselves with a Liberty Utilities photo identification. They will then shut off the gas and conduct testing to check the pipes and the gas appliances in the home. This is a safety precaution to check for any possible leaks. If customers are not home, our crews will shut off the meter and leave a door tag with information including a phone number to schedule a test and for restoration of gas service. We can be reached at 800-424-0427 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

***Safety precautions our customers should take***

For the safety of our customers, only qualified Liberty Utilities personnel should shut off the gas meter. Customers should never attempt to shut of their own meter. **Also, if a customer smells gas, immediately leave the site and call our gas emergency line at 800-406-9220.**

We appreciate your patience as we work safely to repair our system. We will provide additional updates as they are available.

**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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