

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**LIBERTY UTILITIES LINEMEN PREPARE FOR INTERNATIONAL LINEMAN'S RODEO**

JOPLIN, MO – October 5, 2018 – Liberty Utilities linemen prepare for the International Lineman's Rodeo. Six teams, consisting of three linemen each, and four apprentices, a total of 22 Liberty Utilities competitors from Joplin, Tahoe, and New Hampshire will compete in the rodeo beginning at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 13, at the National Agriculture Center and Hall of Fame in Bonner Springs, KS. These men will compete against 269 journeyman teams and 354 apprentices.

The National Lineman's Rodeo attracts the best linemen from around the world to compete in events based on traditional lineman tasks and skills. The Liberty Utilities – Empire District team has competed in the event for approximately 30 years. Last year, Apprentice Landon Ryser was awarded second place in the Hurt Man Rescue event. Crews have been training regularly and are hopeful for another successful year of competition.

“Our crews really look forward to this event each year because it allows them to take the skills they use on the job and apply them in a competitive environment. Their friends and family members really don't get to see what they do, but this event changes that. It's also a great way to see what other utilities are bringing to the table,” says Mike Hayward, Manager, Business and Community Development - Liberty Utilities.

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

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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.

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