

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Joint Application of Liberty)
Utilities (Missouri Water), LLC d/b/a Liberty)
Utilities and The Empire District Electric)
Company for Authority for Liberty Utilities) **File No. WM-2020-0156**
(Missouri Water), LLC d/b/a Liberty Utilities to)
Acquire the Water Franchises and Assets of)
The Empire District Electric Company)

ORDER CANCELLING CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY

Issue Date: August 21, 2020

Effective Date: September 20, 2020

On December 27, 2019,¹ Liberty Utilities (Missouri Water) LLC d/b/a Liberty Utilities (Liberty) and the Empire District Electric Company (Empire) filed a Joint Application (Application) for authority for Liberty to acquire the water franchises and assets of Empire. The Application requested authority to transfer Empire's certificates of convenience and necessity to Liberty.² On April 8,³ the Commission issued its Order Approving Transfer of Assets and Granting Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (Order). The Order's ninth ordered paragraph granted Liberty a new CCN to operate the transferred assets. The Order's first ordered paragraph granted the parties' Application, implicitly cancelling Empire's certificates of convenience and necessity (CCNs) to Liberty, but not expressly so stating.⁴ The Commission finds clarification as to Empire's continuing authority is required and will issue its Order expressly cancelling Empire's CCN

¹ All date citations hereafter will be to 2020 unless otherwise stated.

² Application, paragraph 6.

³ All date citations will be to 2020 unless otherwise indicated.

⁴ The order granted Liberty its own CCN for the pertinent areas.

to provide water service in the Lawrence County, Missouri, service area formerly served by Empire and now served by Liberty.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. All Empire's certificates of convenience and necessity authorizing it to provide water service in the Lawrence County, Missouri, service area formerly served there by Empire and now served by Liberty are cancelled.
2. This Order shall be effective on September 20, 2020.
3. This file shall be closed on September 21, 2020.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Paul T. Graham, Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant
to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 21st day of August, 2020.

STATE OF MISSOURI

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

**WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission,
at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 21st day of August, 2020.**




Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).

Sincerely,



**Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary**

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