



held that the drafting and filing by a corporation of an application that requires no legal skill or legal training is not the practice of law and need not be signed by an attorney. Department of Social Services v. Administrative Hearing Commission, 814 S.W.2d 700 (Mo. App. W.D. 1993). See also Division of Employment Security v. Westerhold, 950 S.W.2d 618 (Mo. App. E.D. 1997). The application that Strategic Energy filed is on a form prescribed by the Commission and is little more than a bare request that it be certified as a seller of energy services. The completion of the application does not require any legal skill or training. Therefore, under the previously cited holdings of the Missouri Court of Appeals, the Commission will accept the filing of Strategic Energy's application without requiring that it be signed by an attorney licensed to practice law in Missouri.

The Commission has reviewed the application and Staff's recommendation and concludes that the application should be granted.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. That Strategic Energy, L.L.C. is granted a certificate as an energy seller pursuant to 4 CSR 240-45.010.
2. That this order shall become effective on May 12, 2000.

3. That this case may be closed on May 15, 2000.

**BY THE COMMISSION**



**Dale Hardy Roberts**  
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

( S E A L )

Lumpe, Ch., Murray, Schemenauer,  
and Drainer, CC., concur  
Crumpton, C., absent

Woodruff, Regulatory Law Judge