

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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| GB & Associates, L.L.C., |) | |
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| Complainant, |) | |
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| v. |) | Case No. EC-2009-0433 |
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| Kansas City Power and Light Company, |) | |
| |) | |
| Respondent. |) | |

NOTICE OF DEFICIENCY

Issue Date: June 8, 2009

On June 5, 2009, GB & Associates, L.L.C., (“GB”) filed a formal complaint pursuant to rule 4 CSR 240-2.070 against Kansas City Power and Light Company (“KCPL”). The complaint appears to be signed by Eddie Guinn, from GB.

Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.040(5), specifically addressing practice before the Commission, states:

A natural person may represent himself or herself. Such practice is strictly limited to the appearance of a natural person on his or her own behalf and shall not be made for any other person or entity.

The underlying basis for these Commission Rules can be found in RSMo sections 484.010 and 484.020.¹ Section 484.010 defines the practice of law as “the appearance as an advocate in a representative capacity or the drawing of papers, pleadings or documents or the performance of any act in such capacity in connection with proceedings pending or prospective before any court of record, commissioner, referee or any body, board,

¹ All statutory citations refer to RSMo 2000 unless otherwise noted.

committee or commission constituted by law or having authority to settle controversies.”
Section 484.020 restricts the practice of law and engagement in law business to licensed attorneys.

GB, not being a natural person who can represent itself, must be represented by an attorney authorized to practice law in Missouri to appear before the Commission in this complaint. BG’s complaint is defective because of the lack of that representation as evidenced by the lack of a signature by an attorney authorized to practice law in Missouri. BG’s complaint is deficient and the Commission shall take no further action in this matter until such time as the deficiency is corrected.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colleen M. Dale', written over a horizontal line.

Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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Stearley, Senior Regulatory Law Judge