

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

Paddock Forest Residents
Association, Inc.,

Complainant,

v.

Union Electric Company, d/b/a
AmerenUE,

Respondent.

Case No. EC-2008-0385

NOTICE OF DEFICIENCY

Issue Date: June 11, 2008

On June 2, 2008, Jerry R. Eichholz, acting as trustee for Paddock Forest Residents Association, Inc., filed a complaint against Union Electric Company, d/b/a AmerenUE. The complaint says that AmerenUE provides electric service to the Paddock Forest subdivision in St. Louis County and that the electric service it provides is subject to frequent outages.

Unfortunately, the Commission cannot take any action on Paddock Forest Residents Association's complaint at this time. The problem is that a corporation, such as Paddock Forest Residents Association, cannot appear before an administrative tribunal, such as the Commission, unless it is represented by an attorney licensed to

practice law in Missouri.¹ An individual can represent himself or herself, but unless he or she is a licensed attorney, the individual cannot represent a corporation.²

Mr. Eichholz and Paddock Forest Residents Association have two options. Either Paddock Forest Residents Association can hire an attorney to represent it in this complaint before the Commission, or Mr. Eichholz can amend the complaint so that he is bringing the complaint only as an individual, not on behalf of the Residents Association. As an individual, he can represent himself and present his concerns to the Commission, while avoiding the unauthorized practice of law.

Until one of these steps is taken, the Commission cannot take any action on this complaint. The Commission will leave the file open for 30 days to allow either Mr. Eichholz or Paddock Forest Residents Association to respond. If no response is filed by that time, the Commission will reject the complaint and close the case file.

BY THE COMMISSION



Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 11th day of June, 2008.

Woodruff, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge

¹ *Clark v. Austin*, 340 Mo 467, 101 S.W. 2d 977 (Mo 1937), *Reed v. Labor and Indus. Relations Com'n*, 789 S.W.2d 19 (Mo 1990).

² Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.040(5).