

² *Reed v. Labor & Indus. Relat. Comm'n*, 789 S.W.2d 19, 22-23 (Mo. banc 1990).

and Commission Regulation 4 CSR 240-2.040, and the Commission has a duty to guard against the unauthorized practice of law.³

Therefore, compliance with those provisions determines whether the Commission will consider Empire District's answer. The Commission will allow time for Empire District to show compliance with the provisions cited above before the Commission takes further action. Pending such action, the parties may continue to discuss the issues in the complaint.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. No later than August 3, 2009:
 - a. Counsel for The Empire District Electric Co. shall file an entry of appearance; and
 - b. The Empire District Electric Co. shall file an answer to the complaint through counsel.
2. This order is effective when issued.

BY THE COMMISSION



Steven M. Reed
Secretary

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Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 27th day of July 2009.

Jordan, Regulatory Law Judge

³ *Id.* at 23-24.