BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

Thanksgiving & Christmas Holiday Traditions, LLC,)
Complainant, v.)) <u>File No. EC-2024-0176</u>
Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri,)))
Respondent.))

NOTICE OF DEFICIENCY AND ORDER SETTING COMPLIANCE DATE

Issue Date: November 28, 2023 Effective Date: November 28, 2023

On November 27, 2023, Brett Felber filed a complaint on behalf of Thanksgiving and Christmas Holiday Traditions, LLC, against Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri. The complaint was signed by Brett Felber who is identified as a "Business Partner" of the Complainant. There is no indication from the complaint that Mr. Felber is an attorney licensed to practice law in the state of Missouri.

Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.040(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 basis for this Commission Rule is found in Sections 484.010 and 484.020, RSMo. 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, committee or commission constituted by law or having authority to settle controversies.

Section 484.020 restricts the practice of law to licensed attorneys.

A statutory entity, such as a limited liability company, must be represented by an attorney licensed to practice law in Missouri, and there is no indication Mr. Felber is a licensed attorney. Therefore, the filing has not complied with the regulation and is deficient.

Because the complaint is deficient, the Commission will not take action regarding this complaint until the deficiency is corrected. Once the deficiency is corrected, the Commission will issue a notice giving Ameren Missouri 30 days in which to respond. If the deficiency is not corrected by the date set out below, the Commission may dismiss the complaint without making a decision about the allegations.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

- 1. As set out in the body of this notice and order, if the Complainant wishes to pursue this complaint, it shall be represented by an attorney licensed to practice law in the state of Missouri as required by Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.040(5) no later than December 28, 2023.
- 2. If the deficiency in the complaint is not corrected, the Commission may dismiss this complaint.
 - This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

Nancy Dippell

Nancy Dippell Secretary

Nancy Dippell, Chief Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 28th day of November, 2023.

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 28th day of November 2023.

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Nancy Dippell Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION November 28, 2023

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

Sincerely,

Nancy Dippell Secretary

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