

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

AFFIDAVIT OF TRUTH

BILL OF EQUITY, EXCLUSIVE EQUITY, & EQUITY IN LAW

RESPONSE TO MISSOURI SPIRE d/b/a SPIRE, Respondent

(Court Level and Jurisdiction)

Merlon- Jonee: Ragland, TTE, Investor, Private Banker Plaintiff

GC-2024-0314 (Case I.D. Number)

-vs-

SPIRE MISSOURI d/b/a SPIRE Defendant

AFFIDAVIT

I, Merlon- Jonee: Ragland, of [redacted], in [redacted] County [redacted] MAKE OATH AND SAY THAT:

1.

I, Merlon- Jonee of the House of Ragland, the undersigned affiant, a living woman upon the land of Missouri, and not a corporation or legal fiction, etc., born upon the land in the republic of Missouri on the 11th day of December 1965, declare that I am of majority and competent to state the matters set forth herein with first-hand knowledge of the facts and that they are true, correct, not misleading, and certain, admissible as evidence.

I am an Indigenous American, Chahta Washitaw Moor That I, Merlon Jonee Ragland, Am a Noble of the Al Moroccan Empire (North America) In Propria Persona (my own proper self); being Moorish American - a Descendant of the Ancient Moabites /Moors, by Birthright, Freehold, Primogeniture and Inheritance; being Aboriginal and Indigenous to the Land /s (Amexem / Americas) Territorium of my Ancient Moabites /Moorish Fore-Mothers and Fore-Fathers - to wit: The Al Moroccan (American) Continents - are the Land of the Moors; being North America, South America; Central America; including the adjoining Islands (Americana / Ameru / Al Moroc). I have,

acknowledge, claim and possess, by said Inheritance and Primogeniture, the Freehold Status thereto; all Unalienable and Substantive Rights, to Be, to Enjoy, and to Act, distinct in my Aboriginal Customs and Culture; and determining my own political, social, and economic status of the State. Turning my heart and mind back to my Ancient Mothers and Fathers - Moors / Muurs, by Divine and Natural Right. Being Moorish American, we have and possess the internationally recognized Rights to determine our own 'Status of the State' absent of threat, coercion, or acquiescence to a Color-of-Law, a Color-of-Office, nor to be subjected to an imposed Color-of-Authority.

2. SPIRE has my case confused with a male's case filed on April 3, 2024. I had until July 26, 2024 to re-file my claim, which I submitted and stated that SPIRE has been PAID! (See files in EFIS) I sent in a legal/lawful process and documents W8BEN, Form 56, 56F that is stated in your Securities Exchange Commission 8k, which I listed as EXIHIBIT 1 in my newly submitted paperwork.

On April 19, 2024, Merlon Jonee Ragland, complainant, agent, Investor, Trustee, Authorized Representative filed with the Missouri Public service Commission ('Commission") a formal complaint against EVERGY METRO, Inc

Merlon- Jonee: Ragland is the PRIVATE BANKER, TTE, POA, and Authorized Representative of Merlon Jonee Ragland Trust ,(Common Law, and Irrevocable) The Trust is not setup as a corporation, Limited Liability Company. It is a PRIVATE TRUST. SPIRE is speaking as if I, Merlon Jonee Ragland stands in the COLOR OF LAW, Dbtor, Black, African American, Colored, Negro, or US CITIZEN. I am not any of the above. I am an American National.

Article VI (6) : All debts contracted and engagements entered into, before the adoption of this Constitution, shall be as valid against the United States under this Constitution, as under the Confederation. This Constitution, and the laws of the United States which shall be made in pursuance thereof; and all treaties made, or which shall be made, under the authority of the United States, shall be the supreme law of the land; and the judges in every state shall be bound thereby, anything in the Constitution or laws of any State to the contrary notwithstanding. The Senators and Representatives before mentioned, and the members of the several state legislatures, and all executive and judicial officers, both of the United States and of the several states, shall be bound by oath or affirmation, to support this Constitution; but no religious test shall ever be required as a qualification to any office or public trust under the United States.

3. SPIRE quoting an email that I sent to Public Service Commission but this is not in my Affidavit and paperwork sent to Default Spire.

"In her application for rehearing, Complainant fails to provide

sufficient reason for a rehearing. Complainant simply states, "I am sending this email to request an application for rehearing," adding, "I also want to request as an indigenous person with full rights and credit and rightful occupancy of the land and God-given use of the resources to have Spire turn my gas back on."

This is not my rehearing paperwork. I submitted my paperwork per Affidavit sent to EFIS. (See Attachments for proof of Administrative Process, acceptance of Notes) I am the Creditor, Investor, Benefactor of the resources and land in this country called America (Al Morocco).

4. Title 18, Part 1, Chapter 13 §242 of United States Codes of Law:

Whoever, under 'color' of any law, statute, ordinance, regulation, or custom, willfully subjects any person in any State, Territory, Commonwealth, Possession, or District to the deprivation of any rights, privileges, or immunities secured or protected by the Constitution or Laws of the United States, or to different punishments, pains, or penalties, on account of such person being an alien, or by reason of his color, or race, that are prescribed for the citizens, shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than one year, or both; and if bodily injury results from the acts committed in violation of this section, or if such acts include the use, attempted use, or threatened use of a dangerous weapon, explosives, or fire, shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than ten years or for life, or both, or may be sentenced to death.

5. "I declare (or certify, verify, or state) under pain penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on June 31st, 2024. Done in Good Faith,  
Merlon- Jonee: Ragland

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I do hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document has been sent by electronic mail to all individuals on the service list of record on this 31st day of July, 2024.

*Affidavit*

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STATE OF MISSOURI

COUNTY (OR CITY) OF JACKSON

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE

ME, on the 31 day of  
July, 2024

Signature Jasmine Shelby  
(Seal)

NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission expires:

08/30/2024

Merlon-Jonee Ragland  
(Signature)

Merlon- Jonee: Ragland

**JASMINE SHELBY  
NOTARY PUBLIC-NOTARY SEAL  
STATE OF MISSOURI  
JACKSON COUNTY  
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 8/30/2024  
COMMISSION # 20060850**

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

<b>Merlon Jonee Ragland Trust,</b>	)	
	)	
<b>Complainant,</b>	)	
	)	
<b>v.</b>	)	<b><u>File No. GC-2024-0314</u></b>
	)	
<b>Spire Missouri d/b/a Spire,</b>	)	
	)	
<b>Respondent.</b>	)	

**SPIRE MISSOURI'S RESPONSE TO  
COMPLAINANT'S APPLICATION FOR REHEARING**

COMES NOW Respondent, Spire Missouri ("Spire"), by and through counsel of record, and pursuant to 20 CSR 4240-2.080(13), hereby moves this Commission to deny Complainant's motion for rehearing. In support of this Motion, Spire submits the following suggestions.

**PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND**

On April 3, 2024, Complainant filed his Complaint opening this case. On May 30, 2024, Spire filed its Motion to Dismiss. On June 14, 2024, Commission's Staff filed its Staff Report and Recommendation, which recommended Spire's Motion to Dismiss be granted. On June 26, 2024, this Commission issued its order granting Spire's Motion to Dismiss and dismissing this case with an effective date of July 26, 2024. On July 22, 2024, Complainant filed his application for rehearing.

**ARGUMENT**

Section 386.500.1, RSMo., provides for Complainant to apply for rehearing, and for the Commission to grant and hold a rehearing, "if in its judgment *sufficient reason therefor be made to appear[.]*" (Emphasis added.) Courts have addressed the need for sufficient reason to

exist in order to grant a rehearing.<sup>1</sup> In her application for rehearing, Complainant fails to provide sufficient reason for a rehearing. Complainant simply states, "I am sending this email to request an application for rehearing," adding, "I also want to request as an indigenous person with full rights and credit and rightful occupancy of the land and God-given use of the resources to have Spire turn my gas back on." Neither statement provides any additional relevant facts or sufficient reason for the Commission to grant and hold a rehearing. Therefore, the Commission should deny Complainant's request.

Spire is committed to providing superior customer service and takes customer complaints very seriously. We take pride in being a trusted energy provider in the state and always strive to proactively work through issues with our customers.

**WHEREFORE**, Spire requests this Commission deny Complainant's application for rehearing as he fails to provide sufficient reason for a rehearing and order any other relief as is just and reasonable.

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<sup>1</sup> See *In Matter of Kansas City Power & Light Company's Request for Authority to Implement a General Rate Increase for Electric Service*, 509 S.W.3d 757, 784 (Mo. App. W.D. 2016). *Agnew v. Missouri-American Water Company*, 567 S.W.3d 652, 660 (Mo. App. E.D. 2018). *State ex rel. Aquila v. Public Service Com'n*, 326 S.W.3d 20, 26 (Mo. App. W.D. 2010).

Respectfully submitted,

*/s/ Sreenivasa Rao Dandamudi*

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I do hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document has been sent by electronic mail to all individuals on the service list of record on this 30th day of July, 2024.

*/s/ Julie Johnson*

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Julie Johnson









**Cont'd Formal Complaint Form**

Violation of Laws Listed:

United States of America Constitution

Missouri Constitution

Pointing out Article 1 Section 2, 3 and 4

Missouri Statutes/Laws

400.3-301. Person entitled to enforce instrument.

400.3-302. Holder, in due course.

400.3-306. Claims to an instrument

400.1-308. Performance or acceptance under reservation of rights.

400.3-308. Proof of signature and status as holder in due course.

400.3-419. Instrument signed for accommodation.

(EXTREMELY IMPORTANT) 400.3-420. CONVERSION OF INSTRUMENT.

400.4-211. When Bank gives value for purposes of holder in due course.

400.3-501 Presentment.

400.3-401. Signature.

400.3-402. Signature by representative.

400.4-201. Status of collecting bank as agent and provisional status of credits • applicability of article • item endorsed • pay any bank •.

400.4-204. Methods of sending and presenting • sending directly to pay or bank.

400.4-203. Effect of Instr. 1C1ion1.

400.3-602. Payment.

400.3-603. Tender of payment.

400.3-605. Discharge of endorsers and accommodation parties.

400.4-105. Bank. Depository Bank. payor Bank - intermediary Bank. collecting bank. presenting bank.

400.4-106. Payable through or payable at bank • collecting bank.

400.3-601. Discharge and effect of discharge.

400.3-604 Discharge by cancellation or renunciation. Also, additional options when or if necessary

400.4-110 Electronic presentment

400.2a-501 Default-procedure

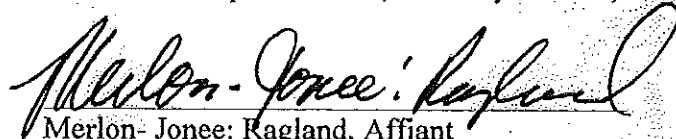
400.3-307 Notice of breach of fiduciary duty.

31 USC 3123 Payment of Obligations and interest on the public debt

18 USC 8 Obligation or other security of the United States

1. "I declare, certify, verify, or state under pain penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct." Executed 13<sup>TH</sup>, day of June 2024.

Without Prejudice  
Authorized Representative, Attorney-in-Fact,



Merlon- Jonee: Ragland, Affiant  
Secured Creditor, Private Banker,  
Authorized Representative

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Banker  
Plaintiff

GC- 2024-0314  
(Case I.D. Number)

-vs-

SPIRE MISSOURI D/B/A SPIRE

Steve Lindsey, CEO

Steven P. Rasche, CFO

Defendant

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- RESPONSE TO REPORT OF STAFF

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3. 2. Merlon Jonee Ragland, complainant, agent, Investor, Trustee, Authorized Representative am foreign to the US Corporation and have the right to utilize the Bill of Exchange Act in tendering the SPIRE bill (short for Bill of Exchange) because it becomes a cash instrument, which is legal tender. and Payment has been sent and is PAID according to legislation of law. 400.3-603 Tender of Payment,400.3-301 Person entitled to enforce instrument, 400.3.302 Holder in due course, and 400.3-501 Presentment. All forms of payments are promissory notes. Tendering payment with federal reserve notes, checks, money orders, debit/credit. Checks and Money Orders are most times hand- written and are promissory notes. The way the instrument was endorsed it became a security or the 1099-A is a legal tax form that should be turned into the IRS. Does the United States use the bill of exchange Act? Yes, the United States uses bills of exchange act, which are negotiable instruments that are often used in international trade as an alternative to sight drafts. A bill of exchange is similar to an invoice that requires the buyer to pay a specific amount to the seller, either immediately or at a future date. The seller presents the bill to the buyer, who must sign it

for it to be valid.

The Federal Reserve Act, also known as Act Dec. 23, 1913, ch. 6, 38 Stat. 251, allows Federal Reserve banks to buy and sell bills of exchange, both domestic and foreign. The Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System can also impose regulations on these activities.

The United States Code also includes 12 U.S. Code § 373, which covers the acceptance of bills of exchange drawn by foreign banks or US dependencies for dollar exchange. This section states that member banks can accept bills of exchange drawn on them, as long as they meet certain conditions.

It has nothing to do with their acceptance because this is the LAW!!! Spire did not return the securities, therefore the bill is PAID!!!!

SPIRE is governed by the Securities Exchange Commission, Securities Exchange Act 1934, The Electronic Trade Documents Act 2023 (ETDA), Uniform Commercial Codes, Missouri Statues that surrounds Tender of Payment, Bill of Exchange Act of 1934, because SPIRE is a transferring paying agent. Corporation and a Publicly traded Corporation that has to follow all the laws, acts, bills, and statutes of operating in Commerce. The bill is PAID!!!! according to the congressional laws that govern them as a Corporation. When the bill was sent I created it into a security and sent to SPIRE, which made them the holder in due course and they should send to the Indentured Trustee for payment/credit. and send my portion to my bank /TDA Account ( Monthly Dividnd ). SPIRE is a transferring agent for these security payment (sec.gov) in which they use my name, social security number, and have created an account number connected to my principal's name MERLON JONEE RAGLAND TRUST/ MERLON JONEE RAGLAND. **Exhibit # 1 (See Attachment)**

4. Rule 20 CSR 4240-13.015 (1)(V) as "cash, draft of good and sufficient funds, or electronic transfer.

Legally there is no "cash" what we call "cash" is a Federal Reserve *Note* (promissory note) All forms of payment= **DEBT**

*Federal Reserve Note*

A Federal Reserve note, also known as a dollar bill, is a type of paper currency issued by the Federal Reserve Banks and used as legal tender in the United States. They are non-interest-bearing promissory notes that are payable to the bearer on demand and come in denominations ranging from \$1 to \$10,000.

*Draft of Good*

Drafting a legal document (promissory note, check, money order, security) is a skill that can be achieved only through a lot of practice. Drafting itself means the process of writing a legal document either by pen and paper or by using a computer, laptop or other

electronic devices, but the goal of a draft should focus on being accurate, concise and to the point when it comes to legal principles and the facts that are related or relevant to the particular situation or issue for which the draft is being prepared.

Sufficient funds means such amounts as are sufficient to pay the principal of and premium, if any, and interest, due on the Notes(Promissory Notes) on the stated maturity date or on a redemption date, if applicable.

SPIRE'S bill meets the definition of a negotiable instrument. It was registered in my name and mailed directly to me and I am entitled to enforce the instrument.

I am an Indigenous American, Chahta Washitaw Moor and I am protected by the Supreme Law of the Land, The Constitution, as being the Organic Trust for the Sovereign People, which are the beneficiaries of that TRUST. There is no COrporation above the united States Constitution. It governs all events/commerce/business in this Republican Nation.

Article IV

Section. 4.

The United States shall guarantee to every State in this Union a Republican Form of Government,

United States of America Constitution

Article. IV.

Section. 1.

Full Faith and Credit shall be given in each State to the public Acts, Records, and judicial Proceedings of every other State. And the Congress may by general Laws prescribe the Manner in which such Acts, Records and Proceedings shall be proved, and the Effect thereof.

Article. VI.

All Debts contracted and Engagements entered into, before the Adoption of this Constitution, shall be as valid against the United States under this Constitution, as under the Confederation.

This Constitution, and the Laws of the United States which shall be made in Pursuance thereof; and all Treaties made, or which shall be made, under the Authority of the United States, shall be the supreme Law of the Land; and the Judges in every State shall be bound thereby, any Thing in the Constitution or Laws of any State to the Contrary notwithstanding.

When a bill is passed in identical form by both the Senate and the House, it is sent to the president for his signature. If the president signs the bill, it becomes a law. Laws are also known as Acts of Congress.



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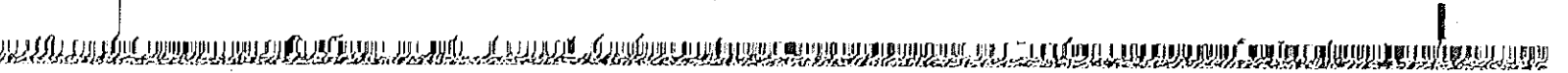
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(b)The Secretary of the Treasury shall pay interest due or accrued on the public debt. As the Secretary considers expedient, the Secretary may pay in advance interest on the public debt by a period of not more than one year, with or without a rebate of interest on the coupons.

7. Corporations are generally subject to the laws and regulations set forth in the United States

Constitution just like any other entity or individual. However, there may be specific laws



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7. Corporations are generally subject to the laws and regulations set forth in the United States Constitution, just like any other entity or individual. However, there may be specific laws and regulations that apply specifically to corporations based on their type of business or industry. It's important for corporations to comply with both the Constitution and any relevant laws and regulations to operate legally within the United States.

Yes, corporations are required to follow laws adopted by Congress, as well as any other laws and regulations that apply to their specific industry or business. Congress has the authority to pass laws that govern various aspects of corporate behavior, such as tax laws, antitrust laws, and regulations related to consumer protection and environmental standards. It is important corporations to comply with all applicable laws to operate legally and ethically.

Utility companies are typically regulated by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and are subject to the Securities Act of 1933 and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. These acts require companies to provide accurate and transparent information to investors and the public when issuing securities.

As for the Bill of Exchange Act, this primarily deals with negotiable instruments such as checks, promissory notes, and bills of exchange used in commercial transactions. While utility companies may not be directly in these types of transactions, they are still required

to comply with any relevant laws and regulations that apply to business operations.

**Non-Citizen National:** A person born in an outlying possession of the U.S. (e.g., American Samoa or Swain's Island) on or after the date the U.S. acquired the possession, or a person whose parents are U.S. non-citizen nationals. All U.S. citizens are U.S. nationals; however, not every U.S. national is a U.S. citizen.

Title 18, Part 1, Chapter 13 §241 of United States Codes of Law:

If two or more persons conspire to injure, oppress, threaten, or intimidate any person in any State, Territory, commonwealth, Possession, or district in the free exercise or enjoyment of any right or privilege secured to him by the Constitution or Laws of the United States, or because of his having so exercised the same; or...

If two or more persons go in disguise on the highway, or on the premises of another, with the intent to prevent or hinder his free exercise or enjoyment of any right or privilege so secured -

They shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than ten years, or both; and if death results from the acts committed in violation of this section, or if such acts include kidnapping or an attempt to kidnap, aggravated sexual abuse or an attempt to commit aggravated sexual abuse, or an attempt to kill, they shall be fined under this title or imprisoned for any term of years or for life, or both, or may be sentenced to death.

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Whoever, under 'color' of any law, statute, ordinance, regulation, or custom, willfully subjects any person in any State, Territory, Commonwealth, Possession, or District to the deprivation of any rights, privileges, or immunities secured or protected by the Constitution or Laws of the United States, or to different punishments, pains, or penalties, on account of such person being an alien, or by reason of his color, or race, that are prescribed for the citizens, shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than one year, or both; and if bodily injury results from the acts committed in violation of this section, or if such acts include the use, attempted use, or threatened use of a dangerous weapon, explosives, or fire, shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than ten years or for life, or both, or may be sentenced to death.

Therefore, in preservation of 'The Rights of Indigenous Peoples' and the Preservation

of the Rights of the People, in accord and defence of the Constitution for the United States Republic of North America and its Republican Form of Government - being the 'Supreme Law of the Land'; and primal to the contractual liabilities, Oath - bound . Obligations, and Fiduciary Duties of the Officers of the Courts - Federal, State, City, and Municipal, etc., I hereby, Demand the enforcement of the De jure Laws of the United States, and all Treaties made under the Authority of The United States, in accord with Article VI of the Constitution; The Bill of Rights; The Declaration of the Rights of the Child; The Rights of Indigenous Peoples; The Universal Declaration of Human Rights; The United Nations Charter, Article 55(c); The United States Supreme Court - 'Acts of State'; The Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act 28 USC 1601; et Sequa., The Convention on 'International Road Traffic'—Day 19, September 1949, The World Court Decisions, The Hague, Netherlands, Day 21, January 1958 A.D = 1378 M.C.; and "Executive Order 13107" - United States Republic, North America: The Implementation of Human Rights Treaties; The National Constitution for the Continental United States, Article III, Section 2; Amendment V - Liberty Clause; Amendment IX, etc., etc. I hereby, Demand a Dismissal of any and all unconstitutional sanctions, claims, or other warrants or charges made or issued, which are devoid of true identity personages; a denial of 'Due Process' of a 'Trial' by a Jury of my own National Peers; or absent of a verified and lawful Indictment, sanctioned by an assembled Grand Jury; and that I be availed all lawful Constitutional - secured safeguards, established by the Supreme Law; with documented proper Jurisdiction and Venue confirmed and in place.

Wherefore all parties of interest are Authorized by this Writ, pursuant to National and International Law, to honor all Substantive Rights and Constitutional Immunities reserved for, and to, this Aboriginal / Indigenous Free and Sovereign Moor / Muur\*. All Officials are to enlist all available and appropriate measures to ensure, and assure, that all My Substantive Rights and Constitutionally - secured Rights and Immunities are not violated, not breached, nor abridged. The Sovereign, Natural Being, named herein, is not to be Arrested nor held for Detention under any 'colorable' circumstances! You are to notify the active Ministers of the Aboriginal / Indigenous Moorish Nationals of the Territory (Organic Land). The Natural Person named herein is NON-OBLIGATORY and thus Exempt from Customs, Tariffs, Taxation, 'Owner in Fee' permit-deception Constructs, and from any other hindrance or restriction of His or Her Freedoms, Allodial Properties, Compensations, Rights of Travel, or Freedom of Movement on, in, or within, any member or non-member States of the United States Union, etc. The Moor / Muur (bearer of this Indigenous Peoples' Document) is to be treated with all due Respect and 'Due Process' Rights under the Law. All available and appropriate measures are to be taken to prevent injustice, harm, false arrest, trumped-up charges, or attack on the

Natural Being's Person, Property, Personalty, Conveyances, Freedoms, and / or Dignity.

Explicit Reservation and use of 'All Rights Reserved Without Prejudice' U.C.C. 1-207 / 308, U.C.C. 1-103, is Noted To All Federal, State, City, and Municipal Peace Officers; in harmony with State's Statutes, and indicates the Reservation of My Rights. Whereby I may Reserve My Substantive Rights and Constitutional - secured Rights and Immunities to 'NOT' be Compelled to perform under any Contracts or Agreements that I have not entered into knowingly, voluntarily, willingly, or unintentionally. I do not accept any actual or implied 'Liabilities' associated with any 'COMPELLED - BENEFITS' of any 'unrevealed' or deceptively-imposed commercial contracts. I, furthermore, do not sanction any 'unconstitutional' rules or policies, nor acts of Misprision committed by any U.S. Government or State Officials, at any level, claimed by any of them, in the name of the United States Republic, nor do I assent to any implied colorable policies made by alleged representatives, as being sanctioned by the People and Citizens. Consider any formerly-assumed constructs alleged to be related to me as being misrepresentations and thusly 'Cured' forthwith. Let it be known...:

Represent means to 'Depict' to 'Portray', to 'Symbolize' and to 'Stand for'. Let it be known that the Union States Society 'Bar Association' Lawyers, Esquires, and Attorneys of European Colonial descent, and foreign corporation, cannot depict, portray or symbolize a Free Moor; as they are not of the same Nation Jurisdiction, Customs, or National Peers; and cannot sit in judgment of any Free Moor (Acts of State). Europeans are not Indigenes to the Land (Americas) - Moors are Aboriginal! Union States Lawyers and Attorneys operate in Demo - political format, which is contrary to Article IV, Section 4 of the Constitution for the United States. Moors operate in a Republican Form of Government, conjoined with Isonomi Principles - being in harmony with the Constitution. Moors respect Constitution Principles. The unconstitutional Tribunals operating under the Union States Society conflicts with, and is repugnant to, "Due Process" under Constitution Principles, and functions primarily in 'colorable' procedures. Therefore, no 'Fair', 'Just' trial, or remedy is availed to the Natural Peoples of the Land, through such 'colorable' processes! These violating acts constitute a 'Conflict of Interest', a 'Conflict of Law' and clearly establishes the 'Federal Questions' of 'Diversity of Citizenship'; a Conflict of Identity; and of Nationality etc. Thus, a clear 'Averment of Jurisdiction' is also hereby proclaimed and advanced. Only Moors can 'Present' and 'Depict' themselves as being Moors / Al Moroccans, and Aboriginal /Indigenes of the Land! Thus, only Moors can 'Present' 'Self'!

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I, Merlon- Jonee: Ragland, A real, live flesh and blood, breathing, non-fictional, and Natural Being, born of a natural Mother, do solemnly, sincerely, and squarely Affirm that the foregoing facts contained in this Constructive and Actual Judicial Notice and Proclamation, by Affirmed Affidavit, are true, to the best of my knowledge, Culture, Customs and Beliefs; being actual, correct, not misleading, etc.; and being the Truth, the whole Truth, and nothing but the Truth.

Hibu (Love), Haqq (Truth), Salaam (Peace), Hurryatun (Freedom), Adl (Justice),

All Rights Reserved Without Prejudice / Recourse; Allodial Claim.

I am Merlon- Jonee: Ragland Natural Person - In Propria Persona - Authorized Representative; All Rights Reserved

Aboriginal / Indigenous, free Sovereign Moor - Natural Person of the Land; 'In Propria Persona' (Not Pro Se Nor Colorable)

\*Moors / Muurs: The Aboriginal and Indigenous Natural Peoples and True Inheritors of the Lands (Territories) - North America, Central America, South America, and the Adjoining Islands

Al Moroc / Ameru / Americana)

By Special Appearance, in Honor, the Divine Being, Your Free National Appellation Here, Affirms that He / She is the Natural Person / Divine Being herein named, existing in His / Her own Proper Person; meeting the 'law of evidence' as required and defined in 'Identity'; affirmed by Lawful, Substantive Right; by Birthright; and respectively acknowledged - being lawfully qualified and competent to execute this Document. I therefore place my hand and seal thereto.

8. "I declare (or certify, verify, or state) under pain penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on June 13, 2024.

Done in Good Faith,

Merlon- Jonee: Ragland.

*Affidavit*

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STATE OF MISSOURI

COUNTY (OR CITY) OF JACKSON

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE

ME, on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of  
July, 2024

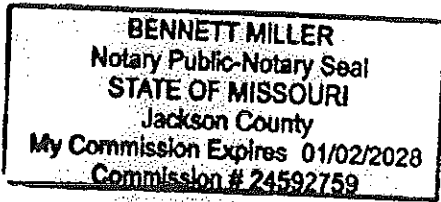
Signature Bennett Miller

(Seal)

NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission expires:

01/02/2028



*Merlon-Jonee Ragland*  
(Signature)

Merlon- Jonee: Ragland

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EXHIBIT 17

Filed Pursuant to Rule 424(b)(2)  
Registration Statement File No. 333-264799

PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT  
(to Prospectus dated May 9, 2022)

**\$350,000,000**



**Spire Inc.**

**5.300% Senior Notes due 2026**

This is an offering of \$350,000,000 aggregate principal amount of 5.300% Senior Notes due 2026 (the "Notes") of Spire Inc. The selling securityholders named under the caption "Selling Securityholders" are offering to sell \$175,000,000 principal amount of the Notes, and we are offering to sell \$175,000,000 principal amount of the Notes.

The Notes will bear interest at the rate of 5.300%. Interest on the Notes will be payable semi-annually on March 1 and September 1 of each year, beginning on September 1, 2024, and at maturity, as further described in this prospectus supplement. The Notes will mature on March 1, 2026. The Notes will not be redeemable prior to maturity. The Notes will be issued in registered form and available for purchase in the authorized denominations of \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof.

	Price to Public(1)	Underwriting Discount	Proceeds, Before Expenses, to Spire Inc.	Proceeds, Before Expenses, to Selling Securityholders
Per Note	99.990%	0.450%	99.540%	99.540%
Total	\$349,965,000.00	\$1,575,000.00	\$174,195,000.00	\$174,195,000.00

(1) Plus accrued interest, if any, from the date of issuance, which is expected to be on or about February 12, 2024.

The selling securityholders have agreed to purchase \$175,000,000 principal amount of our 2021 Series A 0.75% Remarketable Senior Notes due 2026 (the "Remarketable Notes") in connection with the remarketing of the Remarketable Notes pursuant to the Purchase Contract and Pledge Agreement, dated as of February 16, 2021, between us and U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association (as successor of U.S. Bank National Association), as purchase contract agent, attorney-in-fact of the holders of the related purchase contracts, collateral agent and custodial agent, and U.S. Bank National Association, as securities intermediary (the "Purchase Contract and Pledge Agreement"), and will sell the Remarketable Notes to us on or about February 12, 2024 in exchange for the Notes offered hereby by them and a cash payment. See "Prospectus Supplement Summary—Remarketing Transactions" in this prospectus supplement.

Investing in the Notes involves certain risks. See "Risk Factors" on page S-6 of this prospectus supplement and page 1 of the accompanying prospectus.

These securities have not been approved or disapproved by the Securities and Exchange Commission or any state securities commission, nor has the Securities and Exchange Commission or any state securities commission determined that this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus is accurate or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

The underwriters expect to deliver the Notes in book-entry form only through the facilities of The Depository Trust Company on or about February 12, 2024.

*Joint Book-Running Managers*

**Wells Fargo Securities**

**Mizuho**

**Morgan Stanley**

The date of this prospectus supplement is February 5, 2024.



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Issuer	Spire Inc., a Missouri corporation
Securities offered by us	\$175,000,000 aggregate principal amount of 5.300% Senior Notes due 2026.
Securities offered by the selling securityholders	\$175,000,000 aggregate principal amount of 5.300% Senior Notes due 2026.
Original issue date	February 12, 2024.
Maturity date	The Notes will mature on March 1, 2026.
Interest rate	5.300% per annum.
Interest payment dates	Interest on the Notes will accrue from and including February 12, 2024 and is payable on March 1 and September 1 of each year, beginning on September 1, 2024.
No redemption or sinking fund	The Notes may not be redeemed prior to the maturity date. The Notes will not be entitled to the benefit of a sinking fund.  See "Description of the Notes-- No redemption or Sinking Fund" in this prospectus supplement.
Ranking	The Notes will be direct unsecured general obligations of Spire and will rank equally with all other unsecured and unsubordinated indebtedness of Spire from time to time outstanding. As of December 31, 2023, Spire, excluding its subsidiaries, had approximately \$955.0 million of unsecured and unsubordinated indebtedness.  Because we are a holding company, our obligations under the Notes will be effectively subordinated to all existing and future liabilities of our subsidiaries. As of December 31, 2023, our subsidiaries had approximately \$2,771.1 million principal amount of outstanding <u>long-term debt</u> to external sources (including securities due within one year), which would be senior to our rights as sole shareholder and, as applicable, creditor of those companies.
Further issuances	We may, without the consent of the holders of the Notes, issue additional notes having the same ranking and the same interest rate, maturity and other terms as the Notes (except for the original issue date, the public offering price and, if applicable, the initial interest payment date). Any such additional notes will be fungible for U.S. federal income tax purposes with the Notes.
Denomination	We will issue the Notes in denominations of \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess of \$2,000.
Trading	The Notes will not be listed on any securities exchange or be quoted on any automated dealer quotation system.
Trustee	Regions Bank
Use of proceeds	We will only receive proceeds from the \$175,000,000 principal amount of the Notes that are being offered hereby by us. We estimate that we will receive net proceeds of approximately \$172.8 million

Debt = Cash, Credit/Debit, Money Order  
And Check

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*In considering whether to invest in the Notes, you should carefully consider all of the information contained in or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. In particular, you should consider the risk factors described in our periodic reports filed with the SEC, including those set forth under the caption "Risk Factors" in Item 1A of Part I of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended September 30, 2023, which is so incorporated, as well as the additional risks described below. Additional risks and uncertainties not currently known to us or those currently viewed by us to be immaterial may also materially and adversely affect us.*

**Risks Related to Investing in the Notes**

*Any lowering of the credit ratings on the Notes would likely reduce their value.*

As described under the caption "Item 1A. Risk Factors" in Part I of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended September 30, 2023, the rating agencies that provide us with credit ratings from time to time implement new requirements for various rating levels, which may require us to take steps to change our business plans in ways that may affect our results of operations. Our credit ratings are investment grade, but are subject to review and change by the rating agencies. Such ratings are limited in scope and do not address all material risks relating to an investment in the Notes, but rather reflect only the view of each rating agency at the time the rating is issued. An explanation of the significance of such rating may be obtained from such rating agency. There is no assurance that such credit ratings will be issued or remain in effect for any given period of time or that such ratings will not be lowered, suspended or withdrawn entirely by the rating agencies, if, in each rating agency's judgment, circumstances so warrant. It is also possible that such ratings may be lowered in connection with the application of the proceeds of this offering or in connection with future events, such as future acquisitions. Holders of the Notes will have no recourse against us or any other parties in the event of a change in or suspension or withdrawal of such ratings. Any lowering, suspension or withdrawal of such ratings may have an adverse effect on the market price or marketability of the Notes. In addition, any decline in the ratings of the Notes may make it more difficult for us to raise capital on acceptable terms.

*We must rely on cash from our subsidiaries to make payments on the Notes.*

We conduct our operations primarily through our subsidiaries and substantially all of our consolidated assets are held by our subsidiaries. Accordingly, our cash flow and our ability to meet our obligations under the Notes are largely dependent upon the earnings of our subsidiaries and the distribution or other payment of these earnings to us in the form of dividends or, in the case of non-utility subsidiaries, loans. Our subsidiaries are separate and distinct legal entities and have no obligation to pay any amounts due on the Notes or to make any funds available for payment of amounts due on the Notes. Any payment of dividends, loans or advances by our subsidiaries to us could be subject to statutory or contractual restrictions and will be contingent upon the subsidiaries' earnings and business considerations. Our right to receive any assets of any of our subsidiaries upon their bankruptcy, liquidation or similar reorganization, and therefore the right of the holders of the Notes to participate in those assets, will be structurally subordinated to the claims of that subsidiary's creditors, including trade creditors, as described below. Even if we are a creditor of any of our subsidiaries, our rights as a creditor would be subordinate to any security interest in the assets of our subsidiaries and any indebtedness of our subsidiaries senior to that held by us.

*The Notes are structurally subordinated to any existing or future preferred stock, indebtedness, guarantees and other liabilities of our subsidiaries.*

Because we are a holding company, our obligations under the Notes will be effectively subordinated to all existing and future liabilities of our subsidiaries. Therefore, our rights as sole shareholder and the rights of our creditors, including the rights of the holders of the Notes, to participate in the liquidation of assets of any subsidiary will be subject to the prior claims of such subsidiary's creditors. To the extent that we may be a creditor with recognized claims against any of our subsidiaries, our claims would still be effectively subordinated to any security

*Customer's statements shows the dividends monthly. Using our NAME, Social number, Account number etc. ✓ ✓*

*profit over the people*

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MATERIAL UNITED STATES FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSEQUENCES

The following is a summary of material U.S. federal income tax consequences of the acquisition, ownership and disposition of the Notes, but it does not purport to be a complete analysis of all the potential tax considerations. This summary is based upon the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), the U.S. Treasury Regulations promulgated or proposed thereunder and administrative and judicial interpretations thereof, all as of the date hereof and all of which are subject to change, possibly on a retroactive basis. This summary only addresses the tax consequences of those persons who are beneficial owners of the Notes, who purchase the Notes at their offering price for cash pursuant to this offering and who hold such Notes as capital assets within the meaning of Section 1221 of the Code, who we refer to as "Holders." This summary does not purport to address all aspects of U.S. federal income taxation that might be relevant to particular Holders in light of their particular investment circumstances or status, nor does it address specific tax consequences that may be relevant to particular persons (including, for example, banks, financial institutions, broker-dealers, securities and commodities traders, insurance companies, real estate investment trusts, regulated investment companies, partnerships or other pass-through entities, former U.S. citizens or residents, controlled foreign corporations, passive foreign investment companies, companies that accumulate earnings to avoid U.S. federal income tax, tax-exempt organizations, persons subject to the alternative minimum tax, U.S. persons that have a functional currency other than the U.S. Dollar or who hold Notes through non-U.S. brokers or other non-U.S. intermediaries or persons in special situations, such as those who have elected to mark securities to market, those who hold the Notes as part of a straddle, hedge, conversion transaction or other integrated investment or those required to accelerate the recognition of any item of gross income with respect to a Note as a result of such income being recognized on an applicable financial statement). In addition, this summary does not address U.S. federal alternative minimum, estate, generation skipping and gift tax consequences, consequences under the tax laws of any state, local or foreign jurisdiction, or consequences under any U.S. federal tax laws other than income tax law. We have not sought any ruling from the Internal Revenue Service (the "IRS") with respect to the statements made and the conclusions reached in this summary, and we cannot assure you that the IRS will agree with such statements and conclusions.

This summary is for general information only. Prospective purchasers of the Notes are urged to consult their independent tax advisors concerning the U.S. federal income tax consequences to them of the acquisition, ownership and disposition of the Notes, as well as the application of state, local and foreign tax laws and U.S. federal tax laws other than income tax law.

7 *move* For purposes of the following summary, "United States Holder" is a Holder that is, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, (i) a citizen or individual resident of the U.S., (ii) a corporation or other entity taxable as a corporation created or organized under the laws of the U.S., any state thereof or the District of Columbia, (iii) an estate, the income of which is subject to U.S. federal income tax regardless of the source, or (iv) a trust, if a court within the U.S. is able to exercise primary supervision over the trust's administration and one or more United States persons (as defined in the Code) have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust or if a valid election to be treated as a United States person is in effect with respect to such trust. A "Non-United States Holder" is a Holder that is neither a United States Holder nor a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

An entity or arrangement classified as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes is not subject to federal income tax on income derived from holding the Notes. The U.S. federal income tax treatment of a partner in an entity or arrangement classified as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes that holds the Notes generally will depend on such partner's particular circumstances and on the activities of the partnership. If you are an entity or arrangement treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes acquiring Notes (or a partner in such a partnership), you should consult your tax advisor about the U.S. federal income tax consequences of the acquisition, ownership and disposition of the Notes.

Our determination that the Notes are not contingent payment debt instruments is not binding on the IRS. If the IRS were to successfully challenge our determination and the Notes were treated as contingent payment debt:

*Corporation*

*U.S. Citizen / d*

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- the Non-United States Holder is not a controlled foreign corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes that is related to us (within the meaning of Section 864(d)(4) of the Code);
- the Non-United States Holder is not a bank described in Section 881(c)(3)(A) of the Code; and
- either (a) the beneficial owner of the Notes certifies to us or our agent on IRS Form W-8BEN or IRS Form W-8BEN-E, as applicable (or a suitable substitute form or successor form), under penalties of perjury, that it is not a "United States person" (as defined in the Code) and provides its name and address or (b) a securities clearing organization, bank or other financial institution that holds customers' securities in the ordinary course of its trade or business, and holds the Notes on behalf of the beneficial owner, certifies to us or our agent, under penalties of perjury, that such a certification has been received from the beneficial owner by it and furnishes us with a copy thereof.

The requirements set forth in the clauses above are known as the Portfolio Interest Exception.

If a Non-United States Holder cannot satisfy the requirements of the Portfolio Interest Exception, payments of interest made to such Non-United States Holder will be subject to a 30% U.S. federal withholding tax unless the beneficial owner of the Note provides us or our agent, as the case may be, with a properly executed:

- IRS Form W-8BEN or IRS Form W-8BEN-E, as applicable (or a suitable substitute form or successor form), claiming, under penalties of perjury, an exemption from, or reduction in, withholding under a tax treaty (a "Treaty Exemption"); or
- IRS Form W-8ECI (or successor form) stating that interest paid on the Note is not subject to withholding tax because it is effectively connected with a U.S. trade or business of the beneficial owner (in which case such interest will be subject to regular graduated U.S. tax rates as described below).

The certification requirement described above also may require a Non-United States Holder that provides an IRS form, or that claims a Treaty Exemption, to provide its U.S. taxpayer identification number.

We urge you to consult your tax advisor about the specific methods for satisfying these requirements. A claim for exemption will not be valid if the person receiving the applicable form has actual knowledge or reason to know that the statements on the form are false.

If interest on the Note is effectively connected with a U.S. trade or business of the Non-United States Holder (and if required by an applicable income tax treaty, attributable to a U.S. permanent establishment), the Non-United States Holder, although exempt from the withholding tax described above (provided that the certifications described above are satisfied), will be subject to U.S. federal income tax on such interest on a net income basis at the same rates applicable to United States persons generally. In addition, if such Holder is a foreign corporation and interest on the Note is effectively connected with its U.S. trade or business (and if required by applicable income tax treaty, attributable to a U.S. permanent establishment), such Holder may be subject to a branch profits tax equal to 30% (unless reduced by an applicable income tax treaty) of its effectively connected earnings and profits for the taxable year, subject to certain adjustments.

**Disposition of Notes**

Subject to the discussions of backup withholding and FATCA below, no withholding of U.S. federal income tax will be required with respect to any gain or income realized by a Non-United States Holder upon the sale, exchange or other disposition of a Note.

Except with respect to accrued and unpaid interest, a Non-United States Holder will not be subject to U.S. federal income tax on gain realized on the sale, exchange or other disposition of a Note unless (a) the Non-United States Holder is an individual who is present in the U.S. for a period or periods aggregating 183 or more days in the taxable year of the disposition (as determined under the Code) and certain other conditions are met, in which

Form **56**  
Rev. December 2013  
Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

### Notice Concerning Fiduciary Relationship

(Internal Revenue Code sections 6036 and 6903)

OMB No. 1545-0013

#### Part I Identification

Name of person for whom you are acting (as shown on the tax return) **MERLON JONEE RAGLAND TRUST** Identifying number Decedent's social security no.

Address of person for whom you are acting (number, street, and room or suite no.)

City or town, state, and ZIP code (if a foreign address, see instructions)

Fiduciary's name **JANET L. YELLEN, et al D.B.A. SECRETARY OF TREASURY (UNITED STATES)**

Address of fiduciary (number, street, and room or suite no.) **1500 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, NORTH WEST**

City or town, state, and ZIP code

**WASHINGTON, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA [20220]** Taxpayer identification number **202 622-2000**

#### Section A. Authority

- 1 Authority for fiduciary relationship. Check applicable box:
  - a  Court appointment of testate estate (valid will exists)
  - b  Court appointment of intestate estate (no valid will exists)
  - c  Court appointment as guardian or conservator
  - d  Valid trust instrument and amendments
  - e  Bankruptcy or assignment for the benefit of creditors
  - f  Other. Describe ▶
- 2a If box 1a or 1b is checked, enter the date of death ▶
- 2b If box 1c - 1f is checked, enter the date of appointment, taking office, or assignment or transfer of assets ▶

#### Section B. Nature of Liability and Tax Notices

- 3 Type of taxes (check all that apply):  Income  Gift  Estate  Generation-skipping transfer  Employment  Excise  Other (describe) ▶
- 4 Federal tax form number (check all that apply): a  706 series b  709 c  940 d  941 943, 944 e  1040, 1040-A, or 1040-EZ f  1041 g  1120 h  Other (list) ▶
- 5 If your authority as a fiduciary does not cover all years or tax periods, check here and list the specific years or periods ▶
- 6 If the fiduciary listed wants a copy of notices or other written communications (see the instructions) check this box and enter the year(s) or period(s) for the corresponding line 4 item checked. If more than 1 form entered on line 4h, enter the form number.

Complete only if the line 6 box is checked.

If this item is checked	Enter year(s) or period(s)	If this item is checked	Enter year(s) or period(s)
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**Part II Court and Administrative Proceedings**

Name of court (if other than a court proceeding, identify the type of proceeding and name of agency)		Date proceeding initiated	
Address of court		Docket number of proceeding	
City or town, state, and ZIP code	Date	Time <input type="checkbox"/> a.m. <input type="checkbox"/> p.m.	Place of other proceedings

**Part III Signature**  
*Merlon Jones Ragland* TRUSTEE On behalf of MERLON JONEE RAGLAND TRUST  
 I certify that I have the authority to execute this notice concerning fiduciary relationship on behalf of the taxpayer.

**Please Sign Here**  
*Janet L. Yellen*  
 By appointment of MERLON JONEE RAGLAND TRUST, United States Secretary of Treasury  
 Date: 10/5/23

**ACTUAL & CONSTRUCTIVE LEGAL NOTICE [U.C.C. §§ 1-201(25)(26)(27)]:** Form 56 (Rev. 12-2011)

By appointment you **JANET L. YELLEN** have been chosen to act as **fiduciary** in re **MERLON JONEE RAGLAND TRUST**. Please see accompanying Minutes of Trust designating your appointment. If this appointment is outside of your abilities/scope, or you do not choose to take the position please simply return all documentation to the trust within 30 days and we will designate a new appointment.

Otherwise this document will act as **PUBLIC NOTICE** and will be filed along with related instruments upon the U.C.C. Commercial Registry constituting "**Lawful**", open, notorious, public notice of the subject-matter executed & presented in good-faith U.C.C. § 1-201(19); U.C.C. § 1-203 to the UNITED STATES, i.e., 28 U.S.C. 3002(15)(A); U.C.C. § 9-307(8); U.S.C.A. Const. Art. 1:8:17-18, by the real party in interest; Trustee/TRUST & Holder-in-Due-Course [**HDC**] of this and all related documents and instruments.

**TAKE SPECIAL NOTICE** From "Lawful" private Trust jurisdiction ["as defined within, 26 U.S.C. § 7701(a)(31); 8 U.S.C. § 1101(a)(14); 28 U.S.C. § 1603(b)(3)"] That entity and woman are "Non-Assumpsit"; and "Non-Domestic and Non-Federal" in regards the UNITED STATES and/or any of its "Constituent STATES" incorporated thereof, e.g., inter alia, but not limited to: "STATE OF MISSOURI", "STATE OF IDAHO", "STATE OF MISSISSIPPI" and the like; and also in regards the UNITED NATIONS, as well as to England & Russia... Intent to contract does not validate or give ascent to any contract or waiver of right unless implicitly stated in writing. Noting: within a State in order to That Congress cannot create a trade or business, [i.e., "as defined within 26 U.S.C. § 7701(a)(26)," ] tax it; [See: inter alia, License Tax Cases, 72 U.S. 462; 18 L.E. 497 (1866); M'Ilvaine v. Cox's Lessee, 8 U.S. 209; 2 L.E. 598 (1808); and Yick Wo v. Hopkins, 118 U.S. 356, 6 S.Ct 1064 (1886)]. All accounts in relation to 500-82-7255/124-65077658/00083952DB or the like Accounts are accepted with Claim [11 U.S.C. § 101(5)] and (Special) Maritime Lien upon all related accounts both general & special and if not currently held are to be transferred and held in **MERLON JONEE RAGLAND TRUST**; as defined in TRUST and supporting documentation. Lien will be removed when transference and control of all aforesaid accounts are transferred in full to trust under Trustee's sole control. Without prejudice, for cause,

*Merlon Jones Ragland*  
Trustee/Secured Party: Merlon- Jonee: Ragland  
on behalf of **MERLON JONEE RAGLAND TRUST**  
All Rights Reserved, Without Prejudice. UCC 1-308

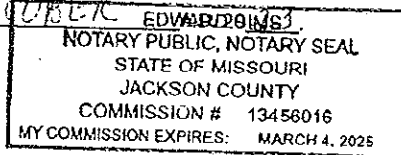
**JURAT**

County of JACKSON )  
) Scilicet  
MISSOURI State )

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 5<sup>TH</sup> day of OCTOBER

*Edward Downs* Seal  
Notary Public Signature

My Commission Expires 03/04/2025



X) Notary Acknowledgment FRE 902(B); I the Notary hereto this (International) Commercial Affidavit, duly depose, that the person executing this document, is personally known to me, or has presented sufficient evidence to establish his lawful identity & status; I accept same as evidence of the facts presented, I depose nothing more; executed by My signature & Seal, as authorized under My Commission.

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(Rev. December 2011)  
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Address of person for whom you are acting (number, street, and room or suite no.): \_\_\_\_\_

City or town, state, and ZIP code (if a foreign address, see instructions): \_\_\_\_\_

Fiduciary's name: **(FRANCISCO PARÉS ALICEA, et al D.B.A. SECRETARY OF TREASURY (UNITED STATES))**

Address of fiduciary (number, street, and room or suite no.): \_\_\_\_\_

**C/O DEPARTMENT DE HACIENDA, P.O. BOX 9024140**

City or town, state, and ZIP code: **SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO 00902-4140** Telephone number (optional): **( 787 ; 721-2020**

#### Section A. Authority

- 1 Authority for fiduciary relationship. Check applicable box:
- a  Court appointment of testate estate (valid will exists)
  - b  Court appointment of intestate estate (no valid will exists)
  - c  Court appointment as guardian or conservator
  - d  Valid trust instrument and amendments
  - e  Bankruptcy or assignment for the benefit of creditors
  - f  Other. Describe: \_\_\_\_\_
- 2a If box 1a or 1b is checked, enter the date of death: \_\_\_\_\_
- 2b If box 1c-1f is checked, enter the date of appointment, taking office, or assignment or transfer of assets: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Section B. Nature of Liability and Tax Notices

- 3 Type of taxes (check all that apply):  Income  Gift  Estate  Generation-skipping transfer  Employment  Excise  Other (describe): \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 Federal tax form number (check all that apply): a  706 series b  709 c  940 d  941, 943, 944 e  1040, 1040-A, or 1040-EZ f  1041 g  1120 h  Other (list): \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 If your authority as a fiduciary does not cover all years or tax periods, check here and list the specific years or periods: \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 If the fiduciary listed wants a copy of notices or other written communications (see the instructions) check this box and enter the year(s) or period(s) for the corresponding line 4 item checked. If more than 1 form entered on line 4h, enter the form number. \_\_\_\_\_

Complete only if the line 6 box is checked.

If this item is checked:	Enter year(s) or period(s)	If this item is checked:	Enter year(s) or period(s)
4a		4b	
4c		4d	
4e		4f	
4g		4h:	
4h:		4h:	

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**Part II Court and Administrative Proceedings**

Name of court (if other than a court proceeding, identify the type of proceeding and name of agency)		Date proceeding initiated	
Address of court		Docket number of proceeding	
City or town, state, and ZIP code	Date	Time <input type="checkbox"/> a.m. <input type="checkbox"/> p.m.	Place of other proceedings

**Part III Signature** *Melton Jones Ragland* TRUSTEE On behalf of MERLON JONEE RAGLAND TRUST ☉

I certify that I have the authority to execute this notice concerning fiduciary relationship on behalf of the taxpayer.

Please Sign Here

*Francisco Parés Alicea* Secretary of Treasury  
 Fiduciary's signature By appointment of MERLON JONEE RAGLAND TRUST ☉ Title, if applicable Date

Form 56 (Rev. 12-2011)

**ACTUAL & CONSTRUCTIVE LEGAL NOTICE [U.C.C. §§ 1-201(25)(26)(27)]:**

By appointment you **FRANCISCO PARÉS ALICEA** have been chosen to act as fiduciary in re; MERLON JONEE RAGLAND TRUST ☉. Please see accompanying Minutes of Trust designating your appointment. If this appointment is outside of your abilities/scope, or you do not choose to take the position please simply return all documentation to the trust within 30 days and we will designate a new appointment.

Otherwise this document will act as **PUBLIC NOTICE** and will be filed along with related instruments upon the U.C.C. Commercial Registry constituting "**Lawful**", open, notorious, public notice of the subject-matter executed & presented in good-faith U.C.C. § 1-201(19); U.C.C. § 1-203 to the UNITED STATES, i.e., 28 U.S.C. 3002(15)(A); U.C.C. § 9-307(8); U.S.C.A. Const. Art. 1:8:17-18, by the real party in interest; Trustee/TRUST & Holder-in-Due-Course (**HDC**) of this and all related documents and instruments.

**TAKE SPECIAL NOTICE** From "Lawful" private Trust jurisdiction ["as defined within, 26 U.S.C. § 7701(a)(31); 8 U.S.C. § 1101(a)(14); 28 U.S.C. § 1603(b)(3)"] That entity and woman are "Non-Assumpsit"; and "Non-Domestic and Non-Federal" in regards the UNITED STATES and/or any of its "Constituent STATES" incorporated thereof, e.g., inter alia, but not limited to "STATE OF MISSOURI", "STATE OF IDAHO", "STATE OF MISSISSIPPI" and the like; and also in regards the UNITED NATIONS, as well as to England & Russia... Intent to contract does not validate or give ascent to any contract or waiver of right unless implicitly stated in writing. Noting: within a State in order to That Congress cannot create a trade or business, [i.e., "as defined within 26 U.S.C. § 7701(a)(26),"] tax it; [See: inter alia, License Tax Cases, 72 U.S. 462; 18 L.E. 497 (1866); M'Ilvaine v. Coxe's Lessee, 8 U.S. 209; 2 L.E. 598 (1808); and Yick Wo v. Hopkins, 118 U.S. 356, 6 S.Ct 1064 (1886)]. All accounts in relation to 500-82-7255/ 12465077658/00083952DB or the like Accounts are accepted with Claim [11 U.S.C. § 101(5)] and (Special) Maritime Lien upon all related accounts both general & special and if not currently held are to be transferred and held in MERLON JONEE RAGLAND TRUST; as defined in TRUST and supporting documentation. Lien will be removed when transference and control of all aforesaid accounts are transferred in full to trust under Trustee's sole control. Without prejudice, for cause,

*Melton Jones Ragland*  
 Trustee/Secured Party: Merlon- Jones- Ragland  
 on behalf of MERLON JONEE RAGLAND TRUST ☉ All Rights Reserved, Without Prejudice. UCC 1-308

**JURAT**

County of JACKSON )  
 ) Solicet  
MISSOURI State )

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 27<sup>th</sup> day of OCTOBER A.D. 2023

*Edward Sims* Seal  
 Notary Public Signature

My Commission Expires 03/04/2025

EDWARD SIMS  
 NOTARY PUBLIC, NOTARY SEAL  
 STATE OF MISSOURI  
 JACKSON COUNTY  
 COMMISSION # 13456016  
 MY COMMISSION EXPIRES: MARCH 4, 2025

X) Notary Acknowledgment FRE 902(B); I the Notary hereto this (International) Commercial Affidavit, duly depose, that the person executing this document, is personally known to me, or has presented sufficient evidence to establish his lawful identity & status; I accept same as evidence of the facts presented, I depose nothing more; executed by My signature & Seal, as authorized under My Commission.



Form **W-8BEN**

(Rev. February 2006)  
Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Certificate of Foreign Status of Beneficial Owner  
for United States Tax Withholding**

▶ Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code. ▶ See separate instructions.  
▶ Give this form to the withholding agent or payer. Do not send to the IRS.

OMB No. 1545-1621

**Do not use this form for:**

- A U.S. citizen or other U.S. person, including a resident alien individual.
- A person claiming an exemption is effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business in the United States.
- A foreign partnership, a foreign simple trust, or a foreign grantor trust (see instructions for exceptions).
- A foreign government, international organization, foreign central bank of issue, foreign tax-exempt organization, foreign private foundation, or government of a U.S. possession that received effectively connected income or that is claiming the applicability of section(s) 115(i), 501(c), 892, 895, or 1413(b) (see instructions).

**Instead, use Form:**

W-9

W-8ECI

W-8ECI or W-8IMY

W-8ECI or W-8EXP

W-8IMY

**Note:** These entities should use Form W-8BEN if they are claiming treaty benefits or are providing the form only to claim they are a foreign person exempt from backup withholding.

- A person acting as an intermediary.

**Note:** See instructions for additional exceptions.

**Part I Identification of Beneficial Owner (See instructions.)**

1 Name of individual or organization that is the beneficial owner  
**MERLON JONEE RAGLAND TRUST**

2 Country of incorporation or organization  
**UNITED STATES**

3 Type of beneficial owner:  
 Individual     Corporation     Disregarded entity     Partnership     Simple trust  
 Grantor trust     Complex trust     Estate     Government     International organization  
 Central bank of issue     Tax-exempt organization     Private foundation

4 Permanent residence address (street, apt. or suite no., or rural route)  
[Redacted]

City or town, state or province. Include postal code where appropriate.  
[Redacted]

Country (do not abbreviate)  
**UNITED STATES**

5 Mailing address (if different from above)  
[Redacted]

City or town, state or province. Include postal code where appropriate.  
[Redacted]

Country (do not abbreviate)  
**United States of America**

6 U.S. taxpayer identification number, if required (see instructions).  
Not Required per W-8BEN Inst p 1.2.4.5 (Cat. 26576H) W-8 Supp. Inst p 1.2.6 (Cat. 26698G) Pub. 515 Inst. p.7, Form 1042-s Inst. P.1.4, 31 CFR 103.34(a)(3)(x).

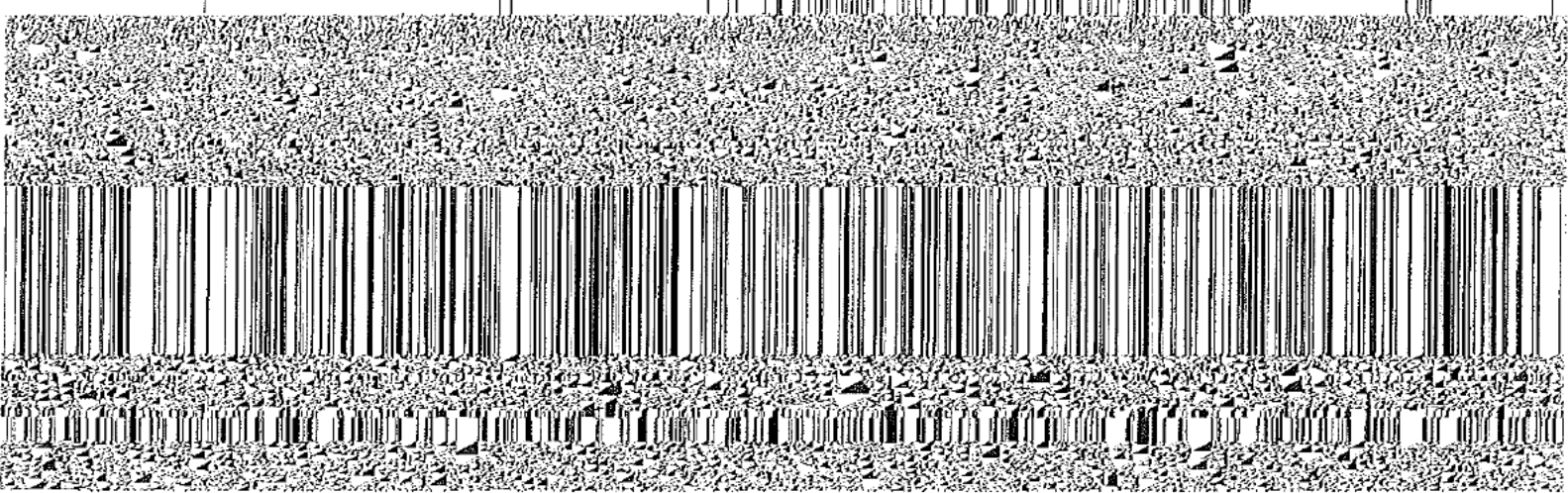
7 Foreign tax identifying number, if any (optional)

8 Reference number(s) (see instructions) 26 CFR 1.871-1(b)(1)(ii)

**Part II Claim of Tax Treaty Benefits (if applicable)**

- 9 I certify that (check all that apply):
- a  The beneficial owner is a resident of \_\_\_\_\_ with the meaning of the income tax treaty between the United States and that country.
  - b  If required, the U.S. taxpayer identification number is stated on line 6 (see instructions).
  - c  The beneficial owner is not an individual, derives the form for items of income for which the treaty benefits are claimed, and, if applicable, meets the requirements of the treaty provision dealing with limitation on benefits (see instructions).
  - d  The beneficial owner is not an individual, is claiming treaty benefits for dividends received from a foreign corporation or interest from a U.S. trade or business of a foreign corporation, and meets qualified resident status (see instructions).
  - e  The beneficial owner is related to the person obligated to pay the income within the meaning of section 267(b) or 707(b), and will file Form 8833 if the amount subject to withholding received during a calendar year exceeds, in the aggregate, \$500,000.

10 Special rates and conditions (if applicable)—see instructions. The beneficial owner is claiming the provisions of Article \_\_\_\_\_.





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W-9

W-8ECI

W-8ECI or W-8IMY

W-8ECI or W-8EXP

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W-8IMY

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1 Name of individual or organization that is the beneficial owner  
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**UNITED STATES**

3 Type of beneficial owner:  Individual  Corporation  Disregarded entity  Partnership  Simple trust  
 Grantor trust  Complex trust  Estate  Government  International organization  
 Central bank of issue  Tax exempt organization  Private foundation

4 Permanent residence address (street, apt. or suite no., or rural route)  
[Redacted]

City or town, state or province. Include postal code where appropriate. Country (do not abbreviate)  
**UNITED STATES**

5 Mailing address (if different from above)  
[Redacted]

City or town, state or province. Include postal code where appropriate. Country (do not abbreviate)  
**United States of America**

6 U.S. taxpayer identification number, if required (see instructions). Not Required per W-8BEN Inst p 1.2.4.5 (Cat. 25576H); W-8 Supp. Inst p 1.2.6 (Cat. 26896C); Pub. 515 Inst. p.7, Form 1042-s Inst. P. 14. 31 CFR 103.34(a)(3)(ii)

7 Foreign tax identifying number, if any (optional)

8 Reference number(s) (see instructions) 26 CFR 1.871-1(b)(1)(ii)

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9 I certify that (check all that apply):

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b  If required, the U.S. taxpayer identification number is stated on line 6 (see instructions).

c  The beneficial owner is not an individual, derives the item for items of income for which the treaty benefits are claimed, and, if applicable, meets the requirements of the treaty provision dealing with limitation on benefits (see instructions).

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e  The beneficial owner is related to the person obligated to pay the income within the meaning of section 267(b) or 707(b), and will file Form 8833 if the amount subject to withholding received during a calendar year exceeds, in the aggregate, \$500,000.

10 Special rates and conditions (if applicable--see instructions). The beneficial owner is claiming the provisions of Article \_\_\_\_\_ of the treaty identified on line 9a above to claim a \_\_\_\_\_ % rate of withholding on (specify type of income) \_\_\_\_\_  
Explain the reasons the beneficial owner meets the terms of the treaty article \_\_\_\_\_

**Part III Notional Principal Contracts**

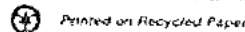
11  I have provided or will provide a statement that identifies those notional principal contracts from which the income is not effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business in the United States. I agree to update this statement as required.

**Part IV Certification**

Under penalties of perjury from without the "United States" in accordance with 26 U.S.C. 1746(f), I declare that I have examined the information on this form and to the best of my knowledge and belief it is true, correct, and complete, when filed only in a state court with a jury trial. I further certify under penalties of perjury that:

- 1 I am the nonresident alien (or am authorized to sign for the nonresident alien) of all the transactions to which this form relates.
  - 2 The nonresident alien is NOT a U.S. person and is not liable for withholding or paying income taxes or filing returns under 26 U.S.C. or 26 C.F.R.
  - 3 The income to which this form relates is not effectively connected with the conduct of a "trade or business" within the "United States" and is not subject to tax under an income tax law or treaty and.
  - 4 For broker transactions or broker transaction, the nonresident alien is a "foreign estate" as defined in 26 U.S.C. 7701(a)(31).
- The Internal Revenue Service does not require your consent to any provisions of this document other than the certifications required to establish your status as a non-U.S. person and, if applicable, obtain a reduced rate of withholding.

Sign Here  On behalf of MERLON JONEE RAGLAND TRUST-  
Signature of Beneficial Owner for Principal Authorized to Sign for Beneficial Owner Date: 10/5/2023 Trustee [UCC 1-210 (35)]



# W8BEN Affidavit

## (International) Commercial Affidavit

This Affidavit in regards to the W-8BEN on the obverse side is executed as Lawful **\*PUBLIC NOTICE\*** [U.C.C. § 1-201(25)(26)(27)]. The Trustee/Secured Party signatory hereto is executing document under signature; expressly to **\*declare trust/trustees stature as a Non-Resident-Alien in regards to U.S. Inc. (Id)\*** with no duress, in accord the terms of the aforementioned. Therefore, I, the Trustee/Secured Party duly depose and says without recourse that, *the foregoing is true, correct, and certain; and if called as a witness, I am One; who can "Testify" to the facts, evidenced, and subject-matter within Trust Documentation and supporting documents as well as the "W-8BEN" evidence(d) on the obverse side of this page; executed hereunder; and expressly supported by this Affidavit; executed as dated below, nunc pro tunc to 12/11/1983 the date of original creation of trust.*

NOTICE TO AGENT IS [imputed] NOTICE TO PRINCIPAL, NOTICE TO PRINCIPAL IS [Imputed] NOTICE TO ALL AGENTS OF THE SUBJECT MATTER HEREIN, and PRESENTED IN GOOD FAITH [UCC. § 1-201(19) UCC § 1-203; UCC § 1-202].

This Affidavit is executed under the penalty of perjury; [in nature of 28 U.S.C. § 1746(1)] expressly without UNITED STATES, [i.e., "28 U.S.C. § 3002(15)(A); U.C.C. § 9-307(8); U.S.C.A. Const. Art. 1:8:17- 18,"] Administered by a commissioned officer, i.e., Notary Public in accordance who is also acknowledging same [in accordance Fed.R.Evid. 902(1)(B)].

*Merlon-Jonee Ragland*  
Trustee/Secured Party: Merlon-Jonee Ragland

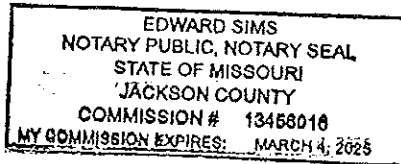
on behalf of MERLON JONEE RAGLAND TRUST  
All Rights Reserved, Without Prejudice. [UCC 1-308]

County of JACKSON )  
 ) Scilicet  
MISSOURI State )

JURAT

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 5<sup>TH</sup> day of OCTOBER A.D. 2023

*Edward Sims* Seal  
Notary Public Signature  
My Commission Expires 03/04/2025



(X) Notary Acknowledgment FRE 902(B); I the Notary hereto this (International) Commercial Affidavit, duly depose, that the person executing this document, is personally known to me, or he has presented sufficient evidence to establish his lawful identity & status; I accept same as evidence of the facts presented, I depose nothing more; executed by My signature & Seal, as authorized under My Commission.

Form **56-F**  
(Rev. December 2022)  
Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

# Notice Concerning Fiduciary Relationship of Financial Institution

(Internal Revenue Code sections 6036, 6402, and 6903)  
Go to [www.irs.gov/Form56F](http://www.irs.gov/Form56F) for the latest information.

OMB No. 1545-0013

For IRS Use Only

## Part I Identification

1 Name of person for whom you are acting (as shown on the tax return)  
SPIRE

2 Employer identification number  
74-2976504

3 Address of financial institution (number, street, and room or suite no.)  
700 MARKET STREET

4 City, state, and ZIP code  
SAINT LOUIS, MISSOURI 63101 UNITED STATES

5 Telephone no.  
314-342-0500

6 Check the applicable box for the type of financial institution:  Bank  Thrift

7 Check here  if the financial institution is insolvent.

8 Enter the ending date of the financial institution's tax year (mo., day, yr.):

9 Fiduciary's name  
MERLON JAMES RAYLAND TRUST

10 Contact person  
Merlon-James Rayland

11 Address of fiduciary (number, street, and room or suite no.)

12 [Redacted]

13 [Redacted]

14 Check the applicable box if the fiduciary is a:  
 Receiver  Conservator

15 Check this box  if the financial institution is or was a member of a group filing a consolidated return and complete lines 16 to 21 below:  
Lines 16 through 21 are to be completed only if the financial institution is or was a member of a group filing a consolidated return.

16 Name of person for whom you are acting (as shown on the tax return)

17 Employer identification number

18 Address of the common parent (number, street, and room or suite no.)

19 City, state, and ZIP code

20 Check here  if a copy of this form has been sent to the common parent of the group.

21 Enter the tax year(s) that the financial institution is or was a member of the consolidated group:

## Part II Authority

22 Evidence of fiduciary authority. Check applicable box(es), and attach copy of applicable orders:

a  Appointment of conservator      b  Replacement of conservator

c  Appointment of receiver      d  Order of insolvency

e  Other evidence of creation of fiduciary relationship (describe): Secured Credit for Executor

## Part III Tax Notices

23 All notices and other written communications with regard to income, employment, and excise taxes of the financial institution (listed on line 1) will be addressed to the fiduciary. Indicate below if other notices and written communications should be addressed to the fiduciary. Include the type of tax, tax periods, or years involved.  
1099A, 1099C, 1099OID, 1041, 1040, 1042

## Part IV Revocation or Termination of Notice

### Section A—Total Revocation or Termination

24 Evidence of termination or revocation of fiduciary authority (Check applicable box(es)):

a  Certified copy of court order revoking fiduciary authority attached.

b  Copy of certificate of dissolution or termination of a business entity attached.

c  Other evidence of termination of fiduciary relationship (describe): MERLON JAMES RAYLAND TRUST IS SOLE SECURED FIDUCIARY

Please Sign Here

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this document, including any accompanying statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.

Merlon-James Rayland  
Fiduciary's signature

Executive Director  
Title, if applicable

3/12/24  
Date

Form **56**  
(Rev. November 2022)  
Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

### Notice Concerning Fiduciary Relationship

(Internal Revenue Code Sections 6036 and 6903)

OMB No. 1545-0013

Go to [www.irs.gov/Form56](http://www.irs.gov/Form56) for instructions and the latest information.

#### Part I Identification

Name of person for whom you are acting (as shown on the tax return) SPIRE Identifying number 74-2976504 Decedent's social security no.

Address of person for whom you are acting (number, street, and room or suite no.) 700 MARKET STREET

City or town, state, and ZIP code (if a foreign address, see instructions.) ST. LOUIS, MO 63101 UNITED STATES

Fiduciary's name MERLON JONES RAGLAND TRUST

Address of fiduciary (number, street, and room or suite no.) [REDACTED]

City or town, state, and ZIP code [REDACTED] Telephone number (optional) ( )

#### Section A. Authority

- 1 Authority for fiduciary relationship. Check applicable box:
- a  Court appointment of testate estate (valid will exists)
  - b  Court appointment of intestate estate (no valid will exists)
  - c  Court appointment as guardian or conservator
  - d  Fiduciary of intestate estate
  - e  Valid trust instrument and amendments
  - f  Bankruptcy or assignment for the benefit of creditors
  - g  Other. Describe: SS-5, SS-4
- 2a If box 1a, 1b, or 1d is checked, enter the date of death: \_\_\_\_\_
- b If box 1c, 1e, 1f, or 1g is checked, enter the date of appointment, taking office, or assignment or transfer of assets: November 29, 2000

#### Section B. Nature of Liability and Tax Notices

- 3 Type of taxes (check all that apply):  Income  Gift  Estate  Generation-skipping transfer  Employment  Excise  Other (describe): \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 Federal tax form number (check all that apply): a  706 series b  709 c  940 d  941, 943, 944 e  1040 or 1040-SR f  1041 g  1120 h  Other (list): 1099'S, 1040V, 1041V
- 5 If your authority as a fiduciary does not cover all years or tax periods, check here  and list the specific years or periods within your authority: \_\_\_\_\_

**Part II Revocation or Termination of Notice**

**Section A—Total Revocation or Termination**

6 Check this box if you are revoking or terminating all prior notices concerning fiduciary relationships on file with the Internal Revenue Service for the same tax matters and years or periods covered by this notice concerning fiduciary relationship

Reason for termination of fiduciary relationship. Check applicable box:

- a  Court order revoking fiduciary authority
- b  Certificate of dissolution or termination of a business entity
- c  Other. Describe: MERLON JONEE RAGLAND TRUST IS SOLE SENIOR FIDUCIARY

**Section B—Partial Revocation**

7a Check this box if you are revoking earlier notices concerning fiduciary relationships on file with the Internal Revenue Service for the same tax matters and years or periods covered by this notice concerning fiduciary relationship

b Specify to whom granted, date, and address, including ZIP code.

**Section C—Substitute Fiduciary**

8 Check this box if a new fiduciary or fiduciaries have been or will be substituted for the revoking or terminating fiduciary and specify the name(s) and address(es), including ZIP code(s), of the new fiduciary(ies)

**Part III Court and Administrative Proceedings**

Name of court (if other than a court proceeding, identify the type of proceeding and name of agency)		Date proceeding initiated	
Address of court		Docket number of proceeding	
City or town, state, and ZIP code	Date	Time <input type="checkbox"/> a.m. <input type="checkbox"/> p.m.	Place of other proceedings

**Part IV Signature**

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this document, including any accompanying statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.

Please Sign Here

<u>Meron-Jonee Ragland</u> Fiduciary's signature	<u>Executor, RECEIVER</u> Title, if applicable	<u>3-12-24</u> Date
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### NOTICE AND WARNING TO UTILITY COMPANIES

NOTICE & WARNING TO: EVERY/ALL UTILITY COMPANIES FOR EMBEZZLEMENT, THEFT BY DECEPTION & EXTORTION FAILING TO DISCHARGE ALL DEBTS PURSUANT TO 73RD CONGRESS. SESS 1. CHS. 48 49. JUNE 5, 6, 1933 HJR 192 HR 1491 PUBLIC LAW 1 48 STAT 1 PUBLIC LAW 10 CHAPTER 48 STAT 112 PUBLIC LAW 73-10 40 STAT 411 TRADING WITH THE ENEMY ACT (TWEA) OCT 6, 1917 but not limited to:

Since House Joint Resolution 192 (HJR 192) (Public law 7310) was passed in 1933 we have only had debt, because all property and gold was seized by the government as collateral in the bankruptcy of the United States.

In 1863 the first Bank Act was passed. The Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (or OCC) is a US federal agency established by the National Currency Act of 1863 and serves to charter, regulate, and supervise all national banks and the federal branches and agencies of foreign banks in the United States.

The OCC was created by Abraham Lincoln to fund the American Civil War but was later transformed into a regulatory agency to instill confidence in the National Banking system and protect consumers from misleading business practices.

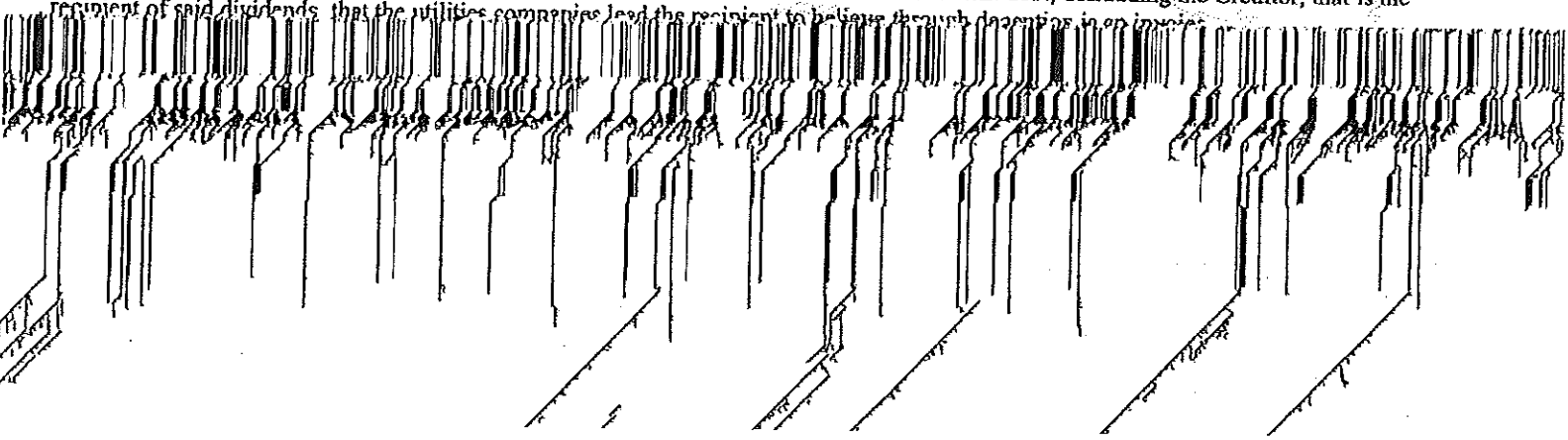
The Lieber Code, or General Order 100 was also created by Abraham Lincoln in 1863.

The National Bank Act (ch. 58, 12 Stat. 665, February 25, 1863) was a United States federal law that established a system of national charters for banks, the United States national banks. It encouraged development of a national currency based on bank holdings of U.S. Treasury securities, the so-called National Bank Notes. It also established the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC) as part of the Department of the Treasury. This was to establish a national security holding body for the existence of the monetary policy of the state. The Act, together with Abraham Lincoln's issuance of "greenbacks", raised money for the federal government in the American Civil War by enticing banks to buy federal bonds and taxing state bank issued currency out of existence. The law proved defective and was replaced by the National Bank Act of 1864. The money was used to fund the Union army in the fight against the Confederacy. This authorized the OCC to examine and regulate nationally-chartered banks.

The above only partially begins to include the historical records and other Acts of Congress that proves the US bankruptcy of 1933 and that there is no money, only credit that the American people are the Creditors.

All utilities companies knowingly have been sending their (customers) dividends but, in fact, making each recipient believe that dividend was an invoice for services provided by the utilities companies.

The Utilities Companies have mailed through the US Mail an intentional misrepresentation of facts, unfair business practices and each utility company and agents thereof have knowingly with forethought and malice created a fraudulent debt, defrauding the Creditor, that is the recipient of said dividends, that the utilities companies lead the recipient to believe through deception in an invoice





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**Part II** Revocation or Termination of Notice

**Section A—Total Revocation or Termination**

- 6** Check this box if you are revoking or terminating all prior notices concerning fiduciary relationships on file with the Internal Revenue Service for the same tax matters and years or periods covered by this notice concerning fiduciary relationship:
- Reason for termination of fiduciary relationship. Check applicable box:
  - a**  Court order revoking fiduciary authority
  - b**  Certificate of dissolution or termination of a business entity
  - c**  Other. Describe: MERLON JONEE RAGLAND TRUST IS SOLE SENIOR FIDUCIARY

**Section B—Partial Revocation**

- 7a** Check this box if you are revoking earlier notices concerning fiduciary relationships on file with the Internal Revenue Service for the same tax matters and years or periods covered by this notice concerning fiduciary relationship:
- b** Specify to whom granted, date, and address, including ZIP code.

**Section C—Substitute Fiduciary**

- 8** Check this box if a new fiduciary or fiduciaries have been or will be substituted for the revoking or terminating fiduciary and specify the name(s) and address(es), including ZIP code(s), of the new fiduciary(ies):

**Part III** Court and Administrative Proceedings

Name of court (if other than a court proceeding, identify the type of proceeding and name of agency):		Date proceeding initiated	
Address of court		Docket number of proceeding	
City or town, state, and ZIP code	Date	Time <input type="checkbox"/> a.m. <input type="checkbox"/> p.m.	Place of other proceedings

**Part IV** Signature

Please Sign Here

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this document, including any accompanying statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.

<u>Merlon Jonee Ragland</u> Fiduciary's signature	<u>Executor, Receiver</u> Title, if applicable	<u>3-12-24</u> Date
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## NOTICE AND WARNING TO UTILITY COMPANIES

**NOTICE & WARNING TO: EVERY/ALL UTILITY COMPANIES FOR EMBEZZLEMENT, THEFT BY DECEPTION & EXTORTION FAILING TO DISCHARGE ALL DEBTS PURSUANT TO 73RD CONGRESS, SESS 1, CHS. 48 49, JUNE 5, 6, 1933 HJR 192 HR 1491 PUBLIC LAW 1 48 STAT 1 PUBLIC LAW 10 CHAPTER 48 STAT 112 PUBLIC LAW 73-10 40 STAT 411 TRADING WITH THE ENEMY ACT (TWEA) OCT 6, 1917 but not limited to:**

Since House Joint Resolution 192 (HJR 192) (Public law 7310) was passed in 1933 we have only had debt, because all property and gold was seized by the government as collateral in the bankruptcy of the United States.

In 1863 the first Bank Act was passed. The Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (or OCC) is a US federal agency established by the National Currency Act of 1863 and serves to charter, regulate, and supervise all national banks and the federal branches and agencies of foreign banks in the United States.

The OCC was created by Abraham Lincoln to fund the American Civil War but was later transformed into a regulatory agency to instill confidence in the National Banking system and protect consumers from misleading business practices.

The Lieber Code, or General Order 100 was also created by Abraham Lincoln in 1863.

The National Bank Act (ch. 58, 12 Stat. 665, February 25, 1863) was a United States federal law that established a system of national charters for banks, the United States national banks. It encouraged development of a national currency based on bank holdings of U.S. Treasury securities, the so-called National Bank Notes. It also established the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC) as part of the Department of the Treasury. This was to establish a national security holding body for the existence of the monetary policy of the state. The Act, together with Abraham Lincoln's issuance of "greenbacks", raised money for the federal government in the American Civil War by enticing banks to buy federal bonds and taxing state bank issued currency out of existence. The law proved defective and was replaced by the National Bank Act of 1864. The money was used to fund the Union army in the fight against the Confederacy. This authorized the OCC to examine and regulate nationally-chartered banks.

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The utilities companies in turn then extract through extortionate measures payment from the customers instead of the utilities companies informing those same recipients that this dividend is in actuality payment to the recipient as a charged off debt pursuant to the incorporated in entirety documented evidence provided herein.

ALL utility companies have thus created a convertible and fraudulent debt.(see ANALYSIS OF A COUNTRY EMBEZZLED).

Every/all utilities companies have failed to pay off any of the public debt but rather unlawfully redirected ill-gotten gains into private corporate accounts through embezzlement, theft by deception, fraudulent conversion, and in violation to each all incorporated in entirety laws established through and as a result of the US Bankruptcy of 1933, wherein there is no money, only "bank Notes" which are but only a promise to pay.

Thus all debts are to be discharged as agreed, but the utilities companies (and banks) through their greed have not discharged any debt, fraudulently making the utility customer deeper in debt by utilities companies use of "Bank Notes" or "promissory Notes" that the utilities companies add to the public debt side of the books rather than discharging the debts as stipulated in Public Laws, House Resolutions, and House Joint Resolutions.