

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

Robert L. Davis, Jr., Trustee of
Musiquaa Rayius Bey PLT,

Complainant

v. Spire Missouri, Inc. d/b/a Spire,

Respondent

File No. GC-2025-0276

NOTICE OF DEFICIENCY

Issue Date: April 11, 2025

On April 11, 2025, Robert L. Davis, Jr., Trustee of Musiquaa Rayius Bey PLT, filed a complaint with the Missouri Public Service Commission against Spire Missouri Inc. d/b/a Spire. The complaint is signed by “Robert L. Davis, Jr., Trustee.”

Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.040(5), specifically addressing practice before the Commission, states:

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

The basis for these Commission Rules is found in Sections 484.010 and 484.020, RSMo. Section 484.010, RSMo, defines the practice of law as:

the appearance as an advocate in a representative capacity or the drawing of papers, pleadings or documents or the performance of any act in such capacity in connection with proceedings pending or prospective before any court of record, commissioner, referee or any body, board, committee or commission constituted by law or having authority to settle controversies.

Section 484.020, RSMo, restricts the practice of law and engagement in law business to licensed attorneys.¹

¹ *Reed v. Labor and Indus. Relations Com'n*, 789 S.W.2d 19, 21 (Mo. banc 1990).

Under Missouri law a trust must be represented by an attorney. “A statutory entity such as a trust or corporation must appear in court through counsel, and, while an individual property owner may appear *pro se*, a trustee cannot.”² A non-attorney representing a trust would amount to the unauthorized practice of law, which is forbidden under Missouri Law.

Robert L. Davis, Jr., has not indicated that he is an attorney licensed in the state of Missouri. Therefore, the complaint is deficient because of the lack of representation as evidenced by the lack of a signature by an attorney authorized to practice law in Missouri. The Commission shall take no further action in this matter until such time as the deficiency is corrected.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nancy Dippell".

Nancy Dippell
Secretary

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

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 11th day of April, 2025.

² *Collison v. Dir. of Revenue*, 621 S.W.3d 165, 168 (Mo.banc 2021).

STATE OF MISSOURI

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 11th day of April 2025.



Nancy Dippell

Nancy Dippell
Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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

Sincerely,



**Nancy Dippell
Secretary**

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