

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

Robert L. Davis, Jr., Trustee of)	
Musiquaa Rayiys Bey PLT,)	
Complainant)	<u>Case No. GC-2025-0276</u>
)	
v.)	
)	
Spire Missouri Inc. d/b/a Spire,)	
Respondent)	

ORDER REJECTING COMPLAINT

Issue Date: June 20, 2025

Effective Date: June 30, 2025

On April 11, 2025, Robert L. Davis, Jr., Trustee of Musiquaa Rayiys Bey PLT, filed a complaint with the Commission against Spire Missouri, Inc. d/b/a Spire. That same day, the Commission issued a notice of deficiency because Mr. Davis was acting on behalf of a trust, which must be represented by an attorney under Missouri law.

On May 5, 2025, the Commission denied reconsideration of its notice of deficiency.

On June 5, 2025, the Commission directed Mr. Davis to have an attorney enter on behalf of the trust by June 17, 2025, or his case would be dismissed. The complaint's deficiency has not yet been remedied.

The Commission's April 11, 2025, Notice of Deficiency explained to Mr. Davis that a non-attorney representing a trust would amount to the unauthorized practice of law, which is forbidden under Missouri Law. Because the unauthorized practice of law is forbidden, an unauthorized action should not be recognized or effectuated.¹ "The normal

¹ *Mayer v. Lindenwood Female College*, 453 S.W.3d 307, 313 (Mo. Ct. App. E.D. 2014).

effect of a representative's unauthorized practice of law is to dismiss the cause or treat the particular actions taken by the representative as a nullity.”²

Therefore, the Commission will reject the complaint. This rejection is without prejudice, and the trust may file a new complaint signed by a Missouri-licensed attorney as required by law. So that the trust can promptly move forward with a compliant complaint, this order will be made effective in ten days.

Any requests for reconsideration of this order pursuant to 20 CSR 4240-2.160(2) or any application for rehearing of this order pursuant to Section 386.500.1 shall be filed prior to the effective date of this order. The denial of an application for rehearing under Section 386.500 is a necessary prerequisite to filing a notice of appeal in an appropriate appellate court pursuant to Section 386.510. In the event that a motion for reconsideration or rehearing is granted, the Commission will make appropriate orders at that time.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. This complaint is rejected.
2. This order shall become effective on June 30, 2025.

BY THE COMMISSION



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

Nancy Dippell
Secretary

² *Schenmeyer v. Bizmart, Inc.* 178 S.W.3d 543, 544 (Mo. Ct. App. E.D. 2005).

John T. Clark, Senior Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 20th day of June, 2025.

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 20th day of June 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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