STATE OF MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a session of the Public Service Commission held by telephone and internet audio conference on the 6th day of January, 2021.

In the Matter of the Application of)
ValueMax Agri-Pro, LLC for Change of) File No. EO-2021-0141
Electric Supplier)

ORDER REJECTING APPLICATION

Issue Date: January 6, 2021 Effective Date: February 5, 2021

On November 12, 2020, ValueMax Agri-Pro, LLC filed an application with the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) requesting that its electric supplier be changed from Barry Electric Cooperative to Ozark Electric Cooperative, Inc. The application of ValueMax Agri-Pro, LLC was signed by Benjamin Hubbard.

Mr. Hubbard was not identified as an attorney licensed to practice law in Missouri or any other state. On November 13, 2020, the Commission issued a Notice of Deficiency giving notice that the application was deficient in that the applicant was a limited liability company and not a natural person; thus the application must be presented by a duly licensed attorney.

The notice allowed ValueMax Agri-Pro, LLC thirty days to correct the deficiency. No response was received. On December 16, 2020, the Commission issued a show cause order directing a response as to why the application should not be dismissed for failure to be signed by an attorney. No response was received.

Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.080(1) states that pleadings shall be signed by an attorney. Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.080(5) states that unsigned pleadings may be

rejected. The Commission finds that the application of ValueMax Agri-Pro, LLC is not signed by an attorney. The Commission provided ValueMax Agri-Pro, LLC two opportunities to address the application's deficiency, but no response was received. Therefore, the Commission is left with no option other than to reject the application pursuant to 20 CSR 4240-2.080(5). However, ValueMax Agri-Pro, LLC may file a new application signed by an attorney as required under Commission rules.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

- 1. The application of ValueMax Agri-Pro, LLC, filed on November 12, 2020, is rejected.
 - 2. This order shall be effective on February 5, 2021.
 - 3. This file shall close on February 6, 2021.



BY THE COMMISSION

Morris L. Woodruff

Secretary

Silvey, Chm., Kenney, Rupp, Coleman, and Holsman CC., concur.

Hatcher, Regulatory Law Judge

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 6th day of January, 2021.

Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION January 6, 2021

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

Sincerely.

Morris L. Woodruff Secretary

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