

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

In the Matter of the Application of)
Pro Builders since 1994 LLC)
for Change of Electric Supplier)

File No. EO-2019-0061

NOTICE OF DEFICIENCY

Issue Date: September 6, 2018

On September 4, 2018, Pro Builders since 1994 LLC (“Pro Builders”) filed an application with the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”) requesting that its electric supplier be changed. Pro Builders’ application is signed by Ryan Propheter, who is not identified as an attorney licensed to practice law in Missouri or any other state, but as a member of Pro Builders.

Missouri statute Section 484.020, RSMo 2016, restricts the practice of law to licensed attorneys. Consequently, Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.040(5), requires pleadings filed with the Commission to be signed by an attorney authorized to practice law in Missouri unless the entity signing the pleading is a natural person acting solely on his or her own behalf and representing only him or herself.¹ Pro Builders’ application is signed by Mr. Propheter, who is not identified as an attorney licensed to practice in Missouri. The present application is filed on behalf of the corporation, Pro Builders, rather than by Mr. Propheter as a natural person on his own behalf or as the individual owner of Pro Builders.

¹ See also *Clark v. Austin*, 340 Mo 467, 101 S.W. 2d 977 (Mo 1937); *Reed v. Labor and Indus. Relations Com’n*, 789 S.W.2d 19 (Mo 1990).

Therefore, Pro Builders' filing is deficient and the Commission cannot take action on this application until these deficiencies are corrected. The Commission will leave the file open until October 5, 2018, to allow Pro Builders to correct the deficiency. If no response is filed by that time, the Commission will reject the application and close the file.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Charles Hatcher, Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 6th day of September, 2018.