

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

Application of Union Electric Com-)
pany for a Certificate of Public)
Convenience and Necessity authoriz-)
ing it to construct, install, own,)
operate, control, manage and main-)
tain electric plant, as defined in)
§ 386.020(14), RSMo. to provide)
electric service in a portion of)
New Madrid, County, Missouri, as an)
extension of its existing certifi-)
cated area)

Case No. EA-2005-0180

**MOTION TO SHORTEN TIME TO RESPOND
TO APPLICATION FOR ORDER ALLOWING INTERVENTION
OF NORANDA, ALUMINUM INC.**

Comes now NORANDA ALUMINUM, INC. ("Noranda") and MOVES that the Commission shorten the time within which to respond to Noranda's Application for Order Allowing Intervention that was filed contemporaneously herewith. In support thereof, Noranda respectfully states:

1. On December 20, 2004 AmerenUE filed its Application to modify its certificated service territory establishing this case. On December 21, 2004, Noranda filed its Application for Order Allowing Intervention in that matter.

2. Noranda's present electrical supply arrangements expire on May 31, 2004. Several weeks in advance of that Noranda will have to make alternate arrangements for electrical energy should approval of this transaction be delayed or denied. Accordingly, time is of importance to Noranda in this matter.

3. The Commission's rules would typically require 10 days for response to a motion. Noranda has stated that AmerenUE supports its intervention and that the Office of the Public Counsel does not oppose the intervention. Commission Staff typically does not indicate its position.

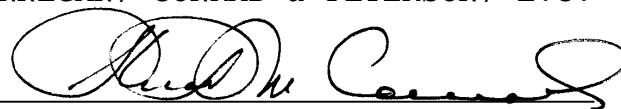
4. It will speed this proceeding if Commission ruling on Noranda's application could be expedited, given that there is no indicated opposition. If Staff wishes to object, it can do so within a shortened period.

5. Noranda would respectfully propose that 5 business days be provided for response to its Application for Order Allowing Intervention and that, thereafter, absent filed objection that the Application be expeditiously and favorably granted by the Commission.

WHEREFORE Noranda prays that the time for response to its Application for Order Allowing Intervention be shortened to 5 days.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Stuart W. Conrad", is written over a horizontal line.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have this day served the foregoing pleading by U.S. mail, postage prepaid addressed to all parties by their attorneys of record as disclosed by the pleadings and orders herein.



Stuart W. Conrad

Dated: December 21, 2004