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

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Noranda Aluminum, Inc., et al., Complainants, v. Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri Respondent.

Case No. EC-2014-0224

## **NOTICE OF COMMUNICATION**

Issue Date: April 10, 2014

We received the attached document via FedEx delivery from Thomas A. Beck, President of Continental Cement, regarding the above referenced case.

The Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") has promulgated rules denoted as the "Standards of Conduct" at 4 CSR 240-4.010 and 4.020. Section 4 CSR 240-4.020 specifically deals with Ex Parte and Extra-Record Communications Rules. This notice is filed in conformance with the rule.

Respectfully submitted,

William P. Kenney, Commissioner

Rachel M. Lewis Advisor to Commissioner William P. Kenney

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2014.

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> RE: Noranda Aluminum, Inc., et. Al. Complainants v. Union electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri, Respondent Case No. EC-2014-0224

Dear Honorable Chairman and Commissioners:

I am writing today to notify you that Continental Cement Company opposes the February 12, 2014, rate case filing made with the Missouri Public Service Commission (PSC) by Noranda Aluminum - New Madrid, MO. This rate case will adversely impact Continental Cement and most Missouri residents, as well.

While smelters do require a great deal of electricity. Noranda has already negotiated the lowest rate of any Ameren customer, paying less for electricity that it costs to produce it. Producing cement is also an energy intensive business. As one of Ameren's top-20 customers, we do not feel that Noranda is entitled to any further reduction in their rates . . . especially at our expense.

The claim filed by Noranda seeks to further reduce their rate by another 25%. This reduction would shift additional costs to other Ameren customers such as Continental Cement . . . costing us an estimated \$1Million+ over the next 10 years. We hope that you do not allow this to happen.

Thanks for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

**Continental Cement** 

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Thomas A. Beck President