

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

Noranda Aluminum, Inc., et al.,)	
)	
Complainants,)	
)	
vs.)	<u>Case No. EC-2014-0224</u>
)	
Union Electric Company doing business)	
as Ameren Missouri,)	
)	
Respondent.)	

Staff’s Response to Notice of Communication

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through counsel, and for its *Response to Notice of Communication*, states as follows:

1. On September 18, 2014, Commissioners Stoll, Kenney, Hall, and Rupp, with their Personal Advisors, filed a *notice of Communication* to which were attached two letters, dated September 16, 2014, that they had received from seven members of the Missouri Senate and ten members of the Missouri House of Representatives.

2. Each of the letters referred to in Paragraph 1, above, supports the *Application for Rehearing and Non-unanimous Stipulation and Agreement* filed by the Office of the Public Counsel (“OPC”).

3. Each of the letters referred to in Paragraphs 1 and 2 suggests that the Commission Staff, in some way, supports the position advocated by OPC. The Senate letter states, “The PSC Staff supports the power rate for Noranda that is in the OPC’s stipulation.” The House of Representatives letter states, “The PSC staff has even given its support for Noranda’s power rate designated in the stipulation.”

4. So far as is known to the undersigned, no member of the PSC Staff has spoken to any Senator, Representative, or legislative aide or assistant in connection with this case. The statements referred to above are evidently interpretations of publicly-available documents filed in this case by various parties, available to anyone on the Internet.

5. Staff **DOES NOT SUPPORT** either the *Application for Rehearing* or the *Non-unanimous Stipulation and Agreement* filed by OPC. In fact, Staff filed an objection to the latter and a *Response* in opposition to the former.

WHEREFORE, Staff prays that the Commission will accept its *Response to Notice of Communication*, and grant such other and further relief as is just in the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served, either electronically or by hand delivery or by First Class United States Mail, postage prepaid, on this **24th day of September, 2014**, on the parties of record as set out on the official Service List maintained by the Data Center of the Missouri Public Service Commission for this case.

/s/ Kevin A. Thompson