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Prepared Direct Testimony of

Terry Swinger

On behalf of

Noranda Aluminum, Inc.

December 2004

BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

Application of Union Electric Company)
for a Certificate of Public Convenience and)
Necessity authorizing it to construct, install,)
own, operate, control, manage and maintain)
electric plant to provide electric)
service in New Madrid, County, Missouri, as an)
extension of its existing certificated area)

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Affidavit of Terry Swinger

State of Missouri)
County of Pemiscot) ss

Terry Swinger, of lawful age, on his oath states: that he has reviewed the attached written testimony in question and answer form, all to be presented in the above case, that the interest in the attached written testimony were given by him; that he has knowledge of the matters set forth in such answers; that such matters are true to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

Terry Swinger
Terry Swinger

Subscribed and sworn before me this 17th day of December, 2004

Janice H. Estes
Notary Public

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My Commission expires: 8-23-07

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1 **Q PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND YOUR POSITION.**

2 **A My name is Terry Swinger and I am currently the State Representative for**
3 **District 162. My district address is P.O. Box 1137, Caruthersville, MO 63830.**

4 **Q REPRESENTATIVE SWINGER THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO TALK**
5 **WITH US. PLEASE TELL US A LITTLE BIT ABOUT YOUR BACKGROUND, WHAT**
6 **YOU DO AND YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES AS A STATE REPRESENTATIVE.**

7 **A I have had the privilege of living in this area all my life. I left to go to college**
8 **and that is the only time I was ever away from here. My permanent residence**
9 **has always been in Southeast Missouri. I grew up in Stoddard County and I now**
10 **live in Pemiscot County. I have optometric practices in Pemiscot County, New**
11 **Madrid County where Noranda is actually located and also in Dunklin County.**

1 But there are employees in all three of those counties. And ever since Noranda
2 has been there it has impacted my practice personally with the entire area. My
3 late wife ran for state representative, both in '86 and '88, unsuccessfully. I ran
4 in a special election a year ago and got elected to fill an unexpired term and
5 then I got re-elected this November to fill a full term.

6 **Q WHAT COMMENTS DO YOU HAVE REGARDING NORANDA'S ECONOMIC IMPACT**
7 **ON YOUR DISTRICT?**

8 **A** Noranda is probably the premier industry in my district and in Southeast
9 Missouri, and specifically in extreme Southeast Missouri for the folks I
10 represent. For instance, Portageville is one of the towns where I practice,
11 which is located very close to Noranda, probably not more than ten miles, and
12 140 of the residents of Portageville work at Noranda. Also, I live in
13 Caruthersville, which is another 20 miles south of Portageville and we have 40
14 people from Noranda that live in Caruthersville.

15 Noranda has 1,100 employees and, of course, some of those employees
16 live as far north, I think, as Cape Girardeau, Missouri, and there are several
17 that live in Sikeston, Missouri. So the entire area is significantly impacted. My
18 understanding is that there is a \$57 million dollar payroll annually from
19 Noranda. There are a lot of things that are bought locally and it just has an
20 unbelievable economic impact on us. If Noranda did not exist, this entire area
21 would suffer an economic blow that I just do not know how we could recover
22 from.

1 **Q WELL, I UNDERSTAND. WE ARE TAKING THIS TESTIMONY TO SUBMIT TO THE**
2 **PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, SO THEY WILL HAVE INFORMATION TO**
3 **EVALUATE THE PUBLIC INTEREST OF UNION ELECTRIC BEING PERMITTED TO**
4 **PROVIDE SERVICE TO NORANDA, WHICH IS SOMETHING THAT NORANDA AND**
5 **UNION ELECTRIC HAVE NEGOTIATED. I TAKE IT THAT YOU WOULD**
6 **ENCOURAGE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION TO APPROVE THAT**
7 **APPLICATION?**

8 **A Absolutely. I had the privilege of being at Noranda when the official ceremony**
9 **took place announcing the agreement between Noranda and Union Electric.**
10 **And in the legislature, as I told you, I was elected in a special election in**
11 **November of '03 and then served in '04. But the legislative session that**
12 **occurred between January and May of '03 is when legislation was passed that**
13 **had the effect of allowing Noranda to seek and contract for their power on the**
14 **open market. Now they have this agreement with Union Electric and it is**
15 **specific where they can now project and plan for many years in advance. That**
16 **is a good thing. However, if they did not have the agreement and instead had a**
17 **fluctuating rate they could not make effective judgments of how to run their**
18 **business. So it's extremely important that Noranda be able to finalize this**
19 **contract with Union Electric.**

1 **Q WHEN YOU SPEAK IN REGARD TO NORANDA, ARE YOU SPEAKING BOTH AS A**
2 **BUSINESSPERSON IN THAT AREA WHO WOULD BE IMPACTED BY THE**
3 **PRESENCE OR THE ABSENCE OF NORANDA, AND ALSO AS AN ELECTED**
4 **REPRESENTATIVE TO THE PEOPLE IN THAT AREA?**

5 **A Absolutely! Both! And then, as I said, it impacts me specifically and the rest of**
6 **the business community in general all the way around here. And as an elected**
7 **official, if there is anything that I can do, and I know the other officials in this**
8 **area are in lock step on this too, we would certainly do it. Anything**
9 **legislatively that would help Noranda in any way.**

10 **Q THANK YOU REPRESENTATIVE SWINGER. DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR**
11 **TESTIMONY?**

12 **A Yes it does.**