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Case No. EA-2005-0180

Prepared Direct Testimony of

Lanie Black

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 Lanie Black

State of Missouri)
County of New Madrid) ss

Lanie Black, 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.

Lanie Black
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Subscribed and sworn before me this 16th day of December, 2004

Jane Ann Bennett
Notary Public



JANE ANN BENNETT
New Madrid County
My Commission Expires
April 27, 2008

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My Commission expires: 4-27-08

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

2 A My name is Lanie Black and I am currently the State Representative for District
3 161. My district address is 671 N 407th Road, Charleston, MO 63834.

4 **Q REPRESENTATIVE BLACK, ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH NORANDA ALUMINUM?**

5 A Yes, I am.

6 **Q WHAT COMMENTS DO YOU HAVE REGARDING NORANDA AND ITS PURCHASE**
7 **OF ELECTRICITY FROM AMERENUE?**

8 A My comments regarding Noranda's purchase of electricity relate to primarily
9 three points.

10 **Q WHAT IS YOUR FIRST POINT?**

11 A I would like to make a point that is summarized well in a statement shared with
12 me by one of the owners of Steward Steel in Sikeston, MO. His comment was,

1 "Noranda, in and of itself, is the only industry in the Bootheel that has the
2 power to influence the entire economy of the Bootheel, either positively or
3 negatively, depending upon it's profitability." I completely agree with the
4 comment.

5 **Q WHAT IS YOUR SECOND POINT?**

6 A The second thing that I would point out about Noranda relates to the tax base
7 of New Madrid County. Noranda alone pays 25% of all taxes in New Madrid
8 County, as well as 33% of the taxes for the New Madrid County Central R1
9 School District.

10 Yes. It is absolutely vital that Noranda be there as an employer in this
11 part of the state. I couldn't even begin to imagine the effect that either not
12 having Noranda or losing Noranda would have on the economy for several
13 communities in our area.

14 **Q WHAT IS YOUR THIRD POINT?**

15 A Noranda needs an economical supply of power to remain as an important part
16 of the southeast Missouri economy.

17 **Q CAN YOU SUMMARIZE FOR US THE IMPACT OF NORANDA ON THE ECONOMY**
18 **OF THE BOOTHEEL OF MISSOURI?**

19 A The continued operation of the Noranda Aluminum Smelter is vital to a healthy
20 economy for the entire Bootheel region of Missouri. The plant employs workers

1 from a 5 state region. Successful passage of Senate Bill 555 was crucial to the
2 continued existence of Noranda Aluminum in New Madrid County. Yes, I am in
3 favor of doing whatever I can do to help Noranda make it. I want to make it
4 possible to keep their doors open and make it possible to keep the business
5 going. We just can't afford to have Noranda shut its doors and leave here.

6 And to me this means whatever it takes to help Noranda and to ensure
7 that Noranda is able to operate as efficiently as possible. I am in favor of it.

8 **Q DOES THAT CONCLUDE YOUR TESTIMONY AT THIS TIME, REPRESENTATIVE**
9 **BLACK?**

10 **A** Yes it does.