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Case No.: EC-2014-_____

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

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Direct Testimony of A. Wayne Wallingford

On behalf of

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STATE OF MISSOURI)
COUNTY OF Cole) SS

Affidavit of A. Wayne Wallingford

A. Wayne Wallingford, being first duly sworn, on his oath states:

1. My name is A. Wayne Wallingford. I am a Member of the Missouri Senate representing the 27th District. My address is 2405 Terrie Hill Rd., Cape Girardeau, MO.
2. Attached hereto and made a part hereof for all purposes is my direct testimony, which was prepared in written form for introduction into evidence in Missouri Public Service Commission Case No. _____.
3. I hereby swear and affirm that the testimony is true and correct.

A. Wayne Wallingford
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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of December, 2013.



Laurie Nowack
My Commission Expires
January 26, 2017
Cole County
Commission #13659162

Laurie Nowack
Notary Public

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

2 A A. Wayne Wallingford, 2405 Terrie Hill Rd., Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

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4 **Q WHAT ELECTED POSITION DO YOU HOLD?**

5 A I am a member of the Missouri Senate, and I represent the 27th District.

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7 **Q HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A MISSOURI STATE SENATOR?**

8 A I have served as a Missouri Senator for one year. Prior to being elected to the
9 Missouri Senate, I served in the Missouri House of Representatives for two
10 years.

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12 **Q WHERE IS THE 27th DISTRICT?**

13 A My District includes Perry, Madison, Wayne, Bollinger, Cape Girardeau and Scott
14 Counties in Southeast Missouri.

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16 **Q DOES NORANDA ALUMINUM, INC. OPERATE A PLANT IN YOUR
17 DISTRICT?**

18 A No, the Noranda Aluminum plant is located in New Madrid County which is not a
19 part of the district I represent. New Madrid County is near my district, located in
20 Southeast Missouri and employees of the plant live in my district and are my
21 constituents.

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23 **Q WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR TESTIMONY?**

24 A To provide information and insight on the importance of the Noranda smelter to
25 the people of Southeast Missouri.

1 Q ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH THE OPERATIONS AT THE NORANDA PLANT IN
2 SOUTHEAST MISSOURI?

3 A Yes. I am familiar with the operations at the Noranda plant and I have known
4 employees of the plant over the many years the plant has been in operation.

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6 Q DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENTS THAT YOU WOULD YOU LIKE TO SHARE
7 WITH THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
8 REGARDING THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF NORANDA'S OPERATIONS IN
9 SOUTHEAST MISSOURI?

10 A Noranda's 2012 payroll was \$95.411 million and the state economic impact is
11 approximately \$330 million. Noranda provides over 900 high quality jobs. These
12 numbers have demonstrate that Noranda has a major impact on the economy of
13 Southeast Missouri as well as the entire State of Missouri. Noranda is very
14 important to my constituents and our region, and it is important that the company
15 remain profitable and continue to operate.

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17 Q HOW HAVE NORANDA'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE TAX BASE IN NEW
18 MADRID COUNTY BENEFITED THE COMMUNITY?

19 A According to the information provided to me, Noranda pays around 18 percent of
20 New Madrid County's property taxes and about 28 percent of the taxes that
21 support the New Madrid County Central R-1 School District. So Noranda not only
22 provides excellent paying jobs, but the company is also a major taxpayer in New
23 Madrid County and those taxes benefit the whole community. In particular,
24 because of these taxes, the citizens of New Madrid County enjoy excellent public
25 schools. Good schools, in turn, have a positive impact on the community by

1 preparing children and young people to become good employees and active
2 citizens who support themselves and contribute to the well-being of others.

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4 **Q HAVE YOU BEEN INVOLVED IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN YOUR**
5 **ROLE AS AN ELECTED OFFICIAL?**

6 A Yes. As a State Representative and as a State Senator, I have worked with local
7 government leaders and economic development professionals on economic
8 development issues.

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10 **Q BASED ON THAT EXPERIENCE, HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE THE**
11 **IMPORTANCE OF MANUFACTURING JOBS SUCH AS THOSE THAT EXIST**
12 **AT THE NORANDA PLANT?**

13 A The existing jobs at the Noranda plant are very important and would be very
14 difficult to replace if they were lost. Noranda pays relatively high wages for our
15 area and provides good benefits. And like other manufacturers, Noranda also
16 contributes to the economy by purchasing products and services from other
17 companies. When we talk about job growth, it's important to remember that not
18 all jobs are the same. Manufacturing jobs like those at Noranda have a bigger
19 impact on our economy and our community than many other jobs.

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21 **Q ARE THERE ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS YOU'D LIKE TO SHARE?**

22 A It is not easy to bring manufacturing jobs to Missouri. Competition for these jobs
23 is strong. Southeast Missouri has benefited greatly from the presence of
24 Noranda's smelter, and the good jobs it provides. Retaining the 970 jobs at
25 Noranda is important to my constituents and all the people of this region.

1 Q DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR TESTIMONY AT THIS TIME?

2 A Yes, it does. Thank you.

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