

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

Noranda Aluminum, Inc., et al., Complainants, v.     )  
Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri     )     Case No. EC-2014-0223  
Respondent.     )

**NOTICE OF COMMUNICATION**

Issue Date:     June 9, 2014

We received the attached letters from Jonathon C. Sprague, Director of Operations for Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District, and Sally Nance, CEO of Excelsior Springs Hospital, regarding the above referenced case.

This filing is made in compliance with this Commissioner's interpretation of the "standards of conduct" in 4 CSR 240-4.010 and 4.020 relating to ex parte and extra record communications and does not otherwise imply or reflect the position of the Missouri Public Service Commission or any other Commissioner.

Respectfully submitted,



William P. Kenney, Commissioner



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Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2014.



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Dear Honorable Chairman and Commissioners:

This letter is to express our opposition to Noranda Aluminum's request for a lower electric rate from Ameren Missouri.

If approved, the rate reduction for this company would cost other Ameren Missouri customers over \$500 million dollars over the next ten years.

Noranda claims that it needs the rate reduction due to financial hardship. We are a small Critical Access Hospital and will be burdened with tremendous payment cuts from Medicare and Medicaid over the next ten years. There are 35 Critical Access Hospitals in Missouri like us; seven are in the Ameren Missouri service area. These hospitals provide emergency and hospital services to rural areas that would otherwise have no access to lifesaving care. Most of us are community-owned and all are not-for-profit. We are suffering from financial hardship too and cannot afford to subsidize Noranda's energy cost.

It is estimated that our electric bill will increase over \$60,000 over the next ten years if you approve the rate reduction. We can't afford this increase and we will receive no direct benefit from the increased cost.

Noranda already has the lowest electric rate in Missouri. They are a Tennessee-based company and pays 60% less than what I do for electricity.

In rural areas, hospitals are the communities' life-line. We have eight Critical Access Hospitals in Missouri that are currently struggling and are in danger of closing. Please do not add to the financial stress we are already under by shifting the cost of this company's energy onto us.

We can't afford it and it simply isn't fair.

Sincerely,

Sally Nance, CEO  
Excelsior Springs Hospital



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

Case No. EC-2014-0223

Dear Honorable Chairman and Commissioners:

I am writing to notify you of the Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District's (MSD) opposition to a February 12, 2014 rate case filing made with the Missouri Public Service Commission (PSC) by Noranda Aluminum, a Tennessee-based company with a smelter in New Madrid, MO. The rate case will adversely impact MSD customers.

MSD as established by the Missouri Constitution is a municipal corporation and political subdivision of the State of Missouri serving over 1.3 million customers in St. Louis and St. Louis County. Currently, the District is under a Consent Decree with the EPA that requires the District to spend an estimated 4.7 billion dollars in infrastructure improvements over 23 years. This massive program requires large rate increases and an intense focus on efficiency and cost control. Outside of personnel expenses, electricity is the District's largest single operating expense.

While the District understands Noranda's desire to reduce expenses, Noranda already has the lowest rates of any Ameren customer in Missouri. The claim filed by Noranda seeks to further reduce their rate by another 25 percent. This reduction would shift costs to the other consumers to subsidize this rate. If this rate shift is approved, it will cost MSD customers an additional \$2.5 million over the next 10 year rate shift request. We are strongly opposed to this additional cost to MSD customers.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

Jonathon C. Sprague  
Director of Operations