

**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-2014-0224  
Respondent.     )

**NOTICE OF COMMUNICATION**

Issue Date:    April 29, 2014

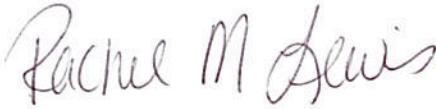
We received the attached document from Robert A. Soutier, President of the AFL-CIO on April 29, 2014, regarding the above referenced case.

The Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”) has promulgated rules denoted as the “Standards of Conduct” at 4 CSR 240-4.010 and 4.020. Section 4 CSR 240-4.020 specifically deals with Ex Parte and Extra-Record Communications Rules. This notice is filed in conformance with the rule.

Respectfully submitted,



William P. Kenney, Commissioner

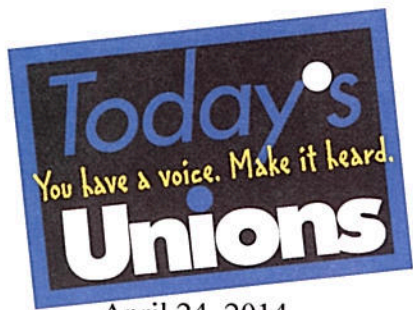


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Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 29<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2014.

# Greater St. Louis Labor Council,



## AFL-CIO



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April 24, 2014

Commissioner Bill P. Kenney  
Missouri Public Service Commission  
200 Madison Street  
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Dear Commissioner Kenney:

There is a rate request pending before you that will undoubtedly have a huge effect on 900 working families in Missouri. Noranda Aluminum is the single largest employer of union labor in Southeast Missouri and an important economic engine in our state's economy. For these bread and butter economic reasons, the Greater St. Louis Labor Council *wholeheartedly* supports Noranda's filing for rate relief before the PSC.

For decades we have watched as good paying Midwestern manufacturing jobs have been shipped overseas. Nowhere has this been truer than when it comes to aluminum smelters. In 1980 there were 32 aluminum smelters operating in the U.S., providing thousands of good-paying union jobs and lifting up this country's middle class. Today there are only nine aluminum smelters left. Meanwhile, aluminum production in China has skyrocketed.

Of those nine remaining smelters, Noranda's plant in New Madrid pays the second-highest electricity rates. The New Madrid plant is also one of only two U.S. smelters not currently receiving any type of economic development support for power cost.

The future of Noranda workers is dependent on reducing these electricity costs. We are pleased that Noranda has proposed to do this in a manner that is friendly to consumers. Contrary to aluminum smelters in other states, Noranda has developed a proposal along with consumers groups that significantly reduces the burden this rate relief will cause other ratepayers. It also saves consumers more than the alternative – Noranda closing the plant or being forced to buy electricity on the private market. Under these scenarios, the remaining Ameren customers would pay larger electricity rate increases.

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We also appreciate that this proposal won't cost Ameren a single penny of revenue. For decades Ameren Missouri has been a good corporate citizen and union employer and will continue to be so for years to come.

The Greater St. Louis Labor Council fights vigorously to retain and grow family supporting manufacturing jobs in this state. The 900 Noranda employees deserve all of our help and support in ensuring that they continue to work for years to come. By supporting Noranda's proposal for rate relief, the Missouri Public Service Commission will be aiding Missouri's economy, protecting ratepayers, and helping hundreds of workers.

We appreciate your public service and thank you in advance for your hard work on this important economic matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert A. Soutier". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Robert A. Soutier

President

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cc: Chairman Robert S. Kenney  
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Commissioner Daniel Y. Hall  
Commissioner Scott T. Rupp  
Charles Skoda, Noranda