

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

In the Matter of the Application of Missouri)
Industrial Energy Consumers, et al., Complainants)
v. Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri)
Respondents) EC-2016-0199

NOTICE OF COMMUNICATION

Issue Date: February 11th, 2016

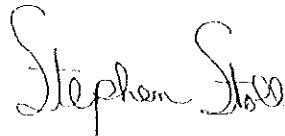
Attached is a letter received by the Commissioners at the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") from Layle K. "Kip" Smith of Noranda Aluminium, Inc.

The Commission has promulgated rules denoted as the "Standards of Conduct" at 4 CSR 240-4.010 and 4.020. Section 4 CSR 240-4.20 specifically deals with Ex Parte and Extra-Record Communication Rules. This notice is filed in conformance with the rule.

Respectfully submitted,



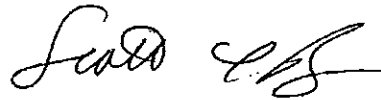
Daniel Y. Hall, Chairman



Stephen M. Stoll, Commissioner



William P. Kenney, Commissioner



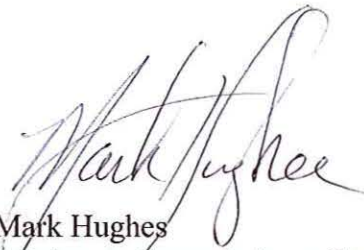
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Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
On this 11th day of February, 2016



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The Honorable Daniel Y. Hall, Chair
Missouri Public Service Commission
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Re: Noranda's Non-Participation in Docket No. EC-2016-0199

Chairman Hall:

I write you today on behalf of Noranda Aluminum, Inc. (Noranda). As you may be aware, on February 1, 2016, the Missouri Industrial Energy Consumers (MIEC) filed a complaint with this Commission against Union Electric Company, d/b/a Ameren Missouri (Ameren Missouri), asking this Commission to direct Ameren Missouri to reduce the electric rate charged to Noranda to a rate of \$30/MWh.

We acknowledge that many of the concerns that underlie MIEC's complaint are legitimate. Due to policies adopted domestically and internationally and other issues beyond Noranda's control, Noranda's current energy costs are not competitive in the global aluminum market, putting hundreds of good paying manufacturing jobs at risk in an economically-depressed part of the state. MIEC is correct that all consumers would pay more for electricity absent the smelter's operation and contributions to Ameren's cost of service. Nonetheless, though we appreciate the intent behind MIEC's filing, we do not believe that an order from this Commission granting MIEC's requested temporary relief to Noranda would provide the long-term certainty that the current circumstances require. In light of several events and issues both local and global beyond Noranda's control, Noranda believes that a long-term, sustainable rate will be best achieved through coordinated legislative action.

Accordingly, please be advised that Noranda will be focusing all of its efforts on finding a long-term solution to this issue through the Missouri legislature, and does not intend to intervene or participate in Docket No. EC-2016-0199.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions regarding this decision. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Layle K. "Kip" Smith
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