

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

In the Matter of Ameren Missouri and Noranda's Joint)	
Request for a Variance from Certain Tariff and)	<u>Case No. EE-2016-0090</u>
Commission Regulation requirements.)	

RESPONSE TO ORDER DIRECTING FILING

COMES NOW Noranda Aluminum, Inc. ("Noranda"), and for its Response to Order Directing Filing ("Response") states as follows:

1. On October 14, 2015, the Noranda and Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri ("Ameren") (together, "Parties") filed a Joint Request for Variance together with an exhibit consisting of an agreement executed by the Parties. Both documents were filed as Highly Confidential in their entirety under Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.135(1).

2. On October 15, the Commission issued an order directing the Parties to file, no later than October 20, their justification for designating both documents as Highly Confidential. This Response is filed pursuant to that order.

3. Regulation 4 CSR 240-2.135(1)(B) provides: "Highly confidential information is information concerning - 1. Material or documents that contain information relating directly to specific customers...." Both the Joint Request for Variance and the Exhibit describe in detail an agreement that relates directly to a specific customer and only that customer, and variances necessary to implement that customer-specific agreement. As a result, the information in the subject documents is properly designated as Highly Confidential pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.135(1)(B)1.

WHEREFORE, Noranda requests that the Commission finds that the Joint Request for Variance and Exhibit are properly classified as Highly Confidential pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.135(1)(B)1, and grant the requested variances so the Parties may implement their agreement.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I do hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document has been hand-delivered, transmitted by e-mail or mailed, First Class, postage prepaid, this 20th day of October, 2015, to all parties on the Commission's Service in this case.

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