

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

In The Matter of Noranda Aluminum's Possible)
Material Default in a Condition Necessary to)
Remain on the IAS Rate Schedule Established in)
Case No. ER-2014-0258)

File No. EO-2016-0203

ORDER DIRECTING RESPONSE

Issue Date: February 4, 2016

Effective Date: February 4, 2016

On February 3, 2016, the Commission's Staff filed a petition asking the Commission to determine whether Noranda Aluminum, Inc. has materially failed to comply with a condition required to access the reduced cost Industrial Aluminum Smelters (IAS) rate class. In support of its petition, Staff offers a newspaper report indicating that Noranda has laid-off 475 workers, thereby reducing its workforce below the 850 employee level required to remain in the IAS rate class.

The report and order in Ameren Missouri's last rate case, which established the IAS rate class, requires the Commission to hold a hearing, or make a determination based on verified pleadings within 30 days of the filing of Staff's petition.¹ So that the Commission can consider Staff's petition within the required time, the Commission will order Noranda to respond to that petition quickly.

¹ *In the Matter of Union Electric Company, d/b/a Ameren Missouri's Tariff to Increase its Revenues for Electric Service*, Report and Order, File No. ER-2014-0258, April 29, 2015, Page 138.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. Noranda Aluminum, Inc. shall reply to Staff's Petition no later than February 9, 2016.
2. The Commission's Data Center shall provide a copy of this order to all parties to Ameren Missouri's most recent rate case, ER-2014-0258.
3. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

Morris L. Woodruff

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Morris L. Woodruff, Chief Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant
to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 4th day of February, 2016.