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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the matter of the Application of)
AmerenUE for authority to add)
certain specified areas to its)
certificated electric service)
territory in Missouri)

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AFFIDAVIT OF HARVEY COOPER


STATE OF MISSOURI)
) ss
COUNTY OF SCOTT)

Harvey Cooper, of lawful age, on his oath states: That he has reviewed the attached written testimony in question and answer form, all to be presented in the above case, that the answers in the attached written testimony were given by him; that he has knowledge of the matters set forth in such answers; that such matters are true to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.



Harvey Cooper

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25 day of August, 2008.



Notary Public

[SEAL]

My Commission expires: 5/24/09

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1 Q: PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND PLACE OF RESIDENCE..

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3 A: My name is Harvey Cooper. I live in Sikeston, Missouri.

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5 Q: MR. COOPER, BY WHOM ARE YOU EMPLOYED AND WHAT IS YOUR JOB
6 THERE?

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8 A: I am the Executive Director of Community Sheltered Workshop,
9 Incorporated.

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11 Q: CAN YOU DESCRIBE FOR US THE BUSINESS OF THE COMMUNITY SHEL-
12 TERED WORKSHOP?

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14 A: Community Sheltered Workshop is one of 95 workshops across the
15 State of Missouri that is designed to be operated with
16 employment of handicapped individuals, people with mental
17 disabilities.

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19 Q: AND HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU EMPLOY AT YOUR LOCAL FACILITY?

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21 A; Presently we employ 140 people.

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1 Q: AND MOST OF THOSE ARE HANDICAPPED?
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3 A: All of those are handicapped and plus we have 22 staff
4 members.
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6 Q: AND DO YOU SELL YOUR PRODUCT TO THE NORANDA SMELTER IN NEW
7 MADRID, MISSOURI?
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9 A: Yes we do. Noranda for the past 26 years has been our largest
10 account. We do custom pallet work for them, building wood
11 products for them to ship their product out on, their rod and
12 their billets of aluminum go out on our wood that we cut for
13 them. As an example, we're heavy into the wood products part.
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15 Q: IS NORANDA ONE OF YOUR LARGEST CUSTOMERS?
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17 A: Yes. Presently our budget for sales in our woodworking
18 industry there at the workshop is around \$1,000,000 per year
19 and Noranda is well over the 50 percent mark as far as our
20 customer base goes so they provide at least 50 percent of the
21 market that we send our products to.
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23 Q: HAVE YOU LOST ANY LARGE CUSTOMERS IN RECENT YEARS?
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1 A: About five years ago we were notified that Essex Wire and
2 Cable would be shutting down in Sikeston and moving to Flor-
3 ence, Alabama and you know, so we lost a fairly substantial
4 customer. That contract would have been around \$160,000 per
5 year that we lost and so you know with Noranda being the size
6 that it is and with them taking up the slack on our base there
7 for sales, there's just no comparison to what Noranda means to
8 our shop.

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10 Q: **WOULD IT BE A PROBLEM FOR YOU IF NORANDA WERE NOT THERE?**

11 A: Well, absolutely it would be a problem. Right now they're
12 well over 50 percent of our sales base, probably around 30
13 percent of our workforce, mainly handicap, would have a real
14 good chance of losing their jobs because we just wouldn't be
15 able to you know keep the product going with the same number
16 of people there. We'd cut back just like anyone else would.

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18 Q: **MR. COOPER, COULD YOU TELL US JUST A LITTLE BIT OF YOUR**
19 **EXPERIENCE AT THE WORKSHOP?**

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21 A: Well, I started with Community Shelter Workshop in 1981. At
22 that time we started doing business with Noranda just almost
23 immediately and so we've been doing business with them for a
24 long time, for those 26 years or so. In that timeframe we

1 have employed anywhere from 90 to 130 people. At present
2 we're at 140. Our people there at the workshop, being
3 handicapped, had not been able to experience a whole lot in
4 life that most people would in a normal sense. And to many of
5 our folks there for the jobs that we do for Noranda - the
6 people have taken on the attitudes that they work for Noranda
7 rather than for Community Sheltered Workshop because they take
8 such an interest in getting the Noranda jobs out. Our job at
9 Community Sheltered Workshop is to provide a place for them to
10 work and a safe atmosphere so they're not being injured and
11 hurt on the job and allow them to fulfill their self-esteem.
12 You know if we have them doing a job for Noranda -- I might do
13 that job in an hour. It might take them three hours to do
14 that same job and yet we are able to work with them and so
15 that they can produce the same product that anyone who's non-
16 handicapped could produce and yet we don't push them to that
17 point of letting them go or firing them because they can't
18 keep production up at the level that non-handicapped people
19 can.

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21 **Q: MR. COOPER I JUST WANT TO THANK YOU VERY MUCH. IT'S BEEN VERY**
22 **HELPFUL.**

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24 **A: You are welcome.**

1 Q: DOES THAT CONCLUDE YOUR TESTIMONY?

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3 A: Yes it does.