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Attached are AmerenUE's Highly Confidential responses to the Noranda Aluminum Inc. Data Request Nos. 002 and 005. Also attached are the Company's responses to Noranda's Data Request Nos. 003, 004 and 006. Let me know if you have any questions. Thank you.



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AmerenUE's Response to Noranda Data Request MPSC Case No. ER-2008-0318 AmerenUE's Tariff Filing to Increase Rate for Electrical Service Provided to Customers in the Company's Missouri Service Area

Requested From:

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Data Request No.

Noranda 004

Request: Please identify and explain any and all extraordinary actions undertaken by AmerenUE for the purpose of reducing expenses in consideration of current economic conditions.

Response:

As a normal step in the budget process, budget numbers are updated to reflect the current business environment prior to being approved by the Board of Directors. In consideration of current economic conditions, the AmerenUE leaders reviewed the budget assumptions and identified opportunities where budgets could be adjusted in 2009 to preserve cash while still meeting safety, regulatory and key operations goals such as reliability and plant availability.

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