

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

Noranda Aluminum, Inc., et al.,)	
)	
Complainants,)	File No. EC-2014-0223
)	
v.)	
)	
Union Electric Company, d/b/a)	
Ameren Missouri)	File No. EC-2014-0224
)	
Respondent.)	

NOTICE OF COMMUNICATION

Issue Date: August 5, 2014

Attached is a letter from Larry Weintraub, Executive Director of Building Owners and Managers Association of Metropolitan St. Louis., regarding the above-captioned Complaints, which was received by and Commissioners Steve Stoll, Bill Kenney, Daniel Hall.

The Missouri Public Service Commission has promulgated rules regarding Ex Parte and Extra-Record Communication at 4 CSR 240-4.020. This notice is filed in conformance with that rule.

Respectfully submitted,



Stephen M. Stoll, Commissioner



William P. Kenney, Commissioner



Daniel Y. Hall, Commissioner

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri
On this 5th day of August, 2014.



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Dear Honorable Chairman and Commissioners:

The Building Owners and Managers Association of St. Louis is reaching out to you to voice our vehement opposition to Noranda Aluminum's rate-shift proposal submitted to you in February.

As an employer of approximately 5,320 jobs in St. Louis and an annual contributor of more than \$642 million to Missouri's gross state revenue, BOMA St. Louis feels that this proposal would be a grave injustice to the commercial and residential community of Missouri.

In addition, our membership represents over 30 million square feet of commercial office buildings in the St. Louis area. According to the Experience Exchange Report that documents reported electrical usage on a square foot basis, our members pay a minimum of \$44 million in electric costs annually.

With this proposal, Noranda has requested that their company's electric rates be reduced by 25 percent for the next 10 years. If approved, an estimated \$90 million of Noranda's costs would be shifted to all other Ameren Missouri customers.

Noranda currently pays the lowest electric rate in Missouri, a rate about 60 percent below what the average Ameren Missouri residential customer pays for their electricity. Over the last eight years, residential electric rates have gone up 3.5 times faster than Noranda's rates.

Noranda's rationale for this rate shift request is economic distress. Other Missouri companies are unable to pursue similar avenues for economic relief, and if Noranda is successful in this effort, the result will be higher electric rates for thousands of Missouri businesses and millions of residents.

Thank you for your time and attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

Larry Weintraub
Executive Director
BOMA St. Louis