BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Environmental cost recovery clause

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PREHEARING STATEMENT OF NUCOR STEEL FLORIDA, INC.

Pursuant to the Florida Public Service Commission's *Order Establishing Procedure*, Order No. PSC-2022-2023-0088-PCO-EI, issued February 15, 2023, and the *First Order Modifying Order Establishing Procedure*, Order No. PSC-2023-0099-PCO-EI, issued February 28, 2023, Nucor Steel Florida, Inc. ("Nucor") hereby files its Prehearing Statement in this case.

A. APPEARANCES

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B. WITNESSES

Nucor does not plan to call any witnesses at this time.

C. EXHIBITS

Nucor does not plan to offer any exhibits at this time.

D. STATEMENT OF BASIC POSITION

Nucor's basic position is that Duke Energy Florida, LLC ("DEF") bears the burden of proof to justify the costs it seeks to recover through the ECRC and any other relief DEF requests in this proceeding.

E. STATEMENT ON SPECIFIC ISSUES

GENERIC ENVIRONMENTAL COST RECOVERY ISSUES

ISSUE 1: What are the final environmental cost recovery true-up amounts for the period January 2022 through December 2022?

• **Nucor:** Regarding DEF, agree with OPC. For all other utilities, Nucor takes no position.

ISSUE 2: What are the actual/estimated environmental cost recovery true-up amounts for the period January 2023 through December 2023?

• Nucor: Regarding DEF, agree with OPC. For all other utilities, Nucor takes no position.

ISSUE 3: What are the projected environmental cost recovery amounts for the period January 2024 through December 2024?

• **Nucor:** Regarding DEF, agree with OPC. For all other utilities, Nucor takes no position.

ISSUE 4: What are the environmental cost recovery amounts, including true-up amounts, for the period January 2024 through December 2024?

• **Nucor:** Regarding DEF, agree with OPC. For all other utilities, Nucor takes no position.

ISSUE 5: What depreciation rates should be used to develop the depreciation expense included in the total environmental cost recovery amounts for the period January 2024 through December 2024?

• **Nucor:** Regarding DEF, agree with OPC. For all other utilities, Nucor takes no position.

ISSUE 6: What are the appropriate jurisdictional separation factors for the projected period January 2024 through December 2024?

• Nucor: Regarding DEF, agree with OPC. For all other utilities, Nucor takes no position.

ISSUE 7: What are the appropriate environmental cost recovery factors for the period January 2024 through December 2024 for each rate group?

• Nucor: Regarding DEF, agree with OPC. For all other utilities, Nucor takes no position.

ISSUE 8: What should be the effective date of the new environmental cost recovery factors for billing purposes?

• **Nucor:** Regarding DEF, agree with OPC. For all other utilities, Nucor takes no position.

ISSUE 9: Should the Commission approve revised tariffs reflecting the environmental cost recovery amounts and environmental cost recovery factors determined to be appropriate in this proceeding?

• **Nucor:** Regarding DEF, agree with OPC. For all other utilities, Nucor takes no position.

ISSUE 10: Should this docket be closed?

• Nucor: No position.

COMPANY-SPECIFIC ENVIRONMENTAL COST RECOVERY ISSUES

Florida Power & Light Company (FPL):

ISSUE 11: Should FPL be allowed to recover, through the ECRC, prudently incurred costs associated with its proposed modification to its St. Lucie Turtle Nets Project?

• Nucor: No position.

ISSUE 12: Should FPL be allowed to recover, through the ECRC, prudently incurred costs associated with its proposed modification to its Solar Site Avian Monitoring and Reporting Project?

• **Nucor:** No position.

<u>Duke Energy Florida, LLC (DEF):</u>

ISSUE 13: Should the Commission approve DEF's Reclaimed Water Interconnection Project for cost recovery through the ECRC?

• Nucor: Agree with OPC.

ISSUE 14: How should the approved costs related to DEF's Reclaimed Water Interconnection Project be allocated to the rate classes?

• Nucor: Agree with OPC.

ISSUE 15: Should the Commission approve DEF's Lead and Copper Rule Project for cost recovery through the ECRC?

• Nucor: Agree with OPC.

ISSUE 16: How should the approved costs related to DEF's Lead and Copper Rule Project be allocated to the rate classes?

• Nucor: Agree with OPC.

F. PENDING MOTIONS

None.

G. PENDING REQUESTS OR CLAIMS FOR CONFIDENTIALITY

None.

H. OBJECTIONS TO QUALIFICATIONS OF WITNESS AS EXPERT

None at this time.

I. REQUIREMENTS OF ORDER ESTABLISHING PROCEDURE

There are no requirements of the Procedural Orders with which Nucor cannot comply.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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