

**BEFORE THE  
FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

In re: Petition for Rate Increase by Duke  
Energy Florida, LLC

DOCKET NO.: 20240025-EI  
FILED: April 9, 2024

**PETITION TO INTERVENE OF  
NUCOR STEEL FLORIDA, INC.**

Pursuant to Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes and Rule 28-106.205, Florida Administrative Code, Nucor Steel Florida, Inc. (“Nucor”), through its undersigned attorneys, files its Petition to Intervene in the above captioned proceeding. In support thereof, Nucor states as follows:

1. The name and address of the affected agency is:

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2. The name and address of the petitioner is:

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3. All pleadings, motions, orders, and other documents directed to the petitioner

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4. Statement of Affected Interests. Nucor owns and operates a steel production facility located within Duke Energy Florida's ("DEF") electric service territory. Nucor purchases large amounts of electric energy from DEF to power its steel making operations.

5. On April 2, 2024, DEF filed a Petition for approval of a permanent increase in base rates and other relief ("Petition"). DEF proposes to increase its base rates in 2025, 2026, and 2027. By 2027, the total proposed rate increase will result in \$820 million in additional cost to be collected from electric service customers like Nucor. Given that changes proposed in the Petition will affect the rates charged and paid by DEF customers, and because Nucor purchases substantial amounts of electric energy from DEF, the outcome of this proceeding may adversely affect Nucor's interests.

6. Disputed Issues of Material Fact. Nucor is not aware of any disputed issues of material fact at this early stage of the proceeding. However, Nucor anticipates that disputed issues of material fact may be identified over the course of the proceeding, and Nucor reserves the right to identify such issues.

7. Disputed Legal Issues. Nucor is not aware of any disputed legal issues at this early stage of the proceeding. However, Nucor anticipates that disputed legal issues may be identified over the course of the proceeding, and Nucor reserves the right to identify such issues.

8. Statement of Ultimate Facts Alleged. Alleged ultimate facts include, but are not limited to, whether the proposed rate and relief request by DEF are just and reasonable. Nucor anticipates additional alleged ultimate facts may be identified over the course of the proceeding.

9. Laws Entitling Petitioner to Relief and Relation to Alleged Facts. The rules and statutes entitling Nucor to relief include but are not necessarily limited to the following: Sections 120.569 and 120.57(1), Florida Statutes, Sections 366.04 through 366.07, Florida Statutes, and Rule 28-106.205, Florida Administrative Code.

10. Statement of Conferral. In accordance with Rule 28-106.204(3), Florida Administrative Code, Nucor has conferred with all parties to this proceeding regarding Nucor's intervention. PCS Phosphate—White Springs, Florida Industrial Power Users Group, and Office of Public Counsel support Nucor's intervention; DEF, Florida Rising and LULAC, Florida Retail Federation, and Sierra Club take no position on Nucor's intervention. As such, no party indicated an objection to Nucor's intervention.

11. Relief. Nucor requests that it be permitted to intervene as a full party in this docket.

WHEREFORE, Nucor respectfully requests that the Commission enter an order allowing it to intervene as a full party in this docket.

Respectfully Submitted,

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**Certificate of Service**

I hereby certify that a true copy of the foregoing Petition to Intervene has been furnished by electronic mail and/or U.S. Mail this 9th day of April, 2024, to the following:

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