## BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In Re: Applications for qualified representative status

Docket No. 20250008-OT Filed: January 14, 2025

# REQUEST FOR NAMING OF QUALIFIED REPRESENTATIVE

Pursuant to Rules 28-106.106 and 28-106.107, Florida Administrative Code, Nucor Steel

Florida, Inc. ("Nucor") requests that Michael K. Lavanga, an attorney with the law firm Stone

Mattheis Xenopoulos & Brew, PC, be named a qualified representative for Nucor in all docketed

and non-docketed matters before the Commission.

1. Mr. Lavanga's business address is as follows:

Michael K. Lavanga, Esq. Stone Mattheis Xenopoulos & Brew, PC 1025 Thomas Jefferson St., NW Suite 800 West Washington, DC 20007 (202) 342-0800 (202) 342-0807 (fax) mkl@smxblaw.com

- Consistent with Rule 28-106.106(2)(a), F.A.C., Nucor is aware that it can elect to be represented solely by "counsel" as that term is defined by Rule 28-106.106(1) of the Florida Administrative Code.
- 3. Nucor submits that Mr. Lavanga possesses the necessary qualifications to responsibly represent Nucor in matters before the Commission. Mr. Lavanga's qualifications are set forth in the attached affidavit.

- 4. As reflected in Mr. Lavanga's affidavit, he: (i) is an attorney admitted to practice in the State of Virginia and the District of Columbia, (ii) has reviewed those portions of the Florida Statutes relative to the Commission's jurisdiction, (iii) has reviewed the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure relating to discovery in an administrative proceeding, and (iv) has reviewed those portions of the Florida Administrative Code and Florida Statutes related to the rules of evidence, including the concept of hearsay in an administrative proceeding.
- 5. Consistent with the standard set forth in Rule 28-106.106, F.A.C., Mr. Lavanga has acquired or will acquire actual knowledge of the factual and legal issues involved insofar as his representation of Nucor is concerned in matters before the Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

Corey Allain Controller Nucor Steel Florida, Inc. 22 Nucor Drive Frostproof, FL 33843 corey.allain@nucor.com 843-546-5777

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Request for Naming of

Qualified Representative has been furnished electronically and/or by U.S. Mail to the following

on this 14th day of January, 2025

PCS Phosphate - White Springs James W. Brew Laura W. Baker Sarah B. Newman Stone Mattheis Xenopoulos & Brew, PC 1025 Thomas Jefferson St., NW Washington DC 20007 jbrew@smxblaw.com lwb@smxblaw.com sbn@smxblaw.com

/s/ Michael K. Lavanga

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#### AFFIDAVIT

Michael K. Lavanga, being first duly sworn, states that:

1. I am an attorney with the law firm Stone Mattheis Xenopoulos & Brew, PC

2. I represent Nucor Steel Florida, Inc. ("Nucor") in connection with certain regulatory matters relating to energy services.

3. I have prepared this affidavit in connection with Nucor's request that I be named a qualified representative of Nucor in all docketed and non-docketed matters before the Florida Public Service Commission ("Commission"). I have previously requested and received qualified representative status for Nucor concerning matters before the Commission.

4. I possess the necessary qualifications to responsibly represent Nucor in all docketed and non-docketed matters before the Commission.

5. I am a member in good standing of the bars of Virginia and the District of Columbia and have appeared before utility regulatory agencies and authorities, including the Public Service Commissions of Missouri, Ohio, and South Carolina, and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

6. I have knowledge of the Florida Statutes relevant to the Commission's jurisdiction; knowledge of the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure relating to discovery in administrative

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proceedings; and knowledge of the Florida Administrative Code and Florida Statutes relative to the rules of evidence, including the concept of hearsay in administrative proceedings. I have acquired or will acquire knowledge of the factual and legal issues involved insofar as my representation of Nucor is concerned in proceedings before this Commission. I have knowledge of, am in compliance with, and will comply with the Standards of Conduct for qualified representatives contained in Rule 28-106.107, Florida Administrative Code.

I declare that the foregoing is true and correct based on my knowledge, information, and belief.

Michael K. Lavanga

Name and address:

Michael K. Lavanga, Esq. Stone Mattheis Xenopoulos & Brew, PC 1025 Thomas Jefferson St., NW Suite 800 West Washington, DC 20007

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me this 3th day of January, 2025

District of Columbia

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Notary Public My Commission expires: June 14,2028

**District of Columbia** Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) before n £. ure of Notarial Officer Nicholas hen Nicholas Chen - Notary Public, District of Columbia

My commission expires June 14, 2028