

**BEFORE THE  
FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

In Re: Applications for qualified ) Docket No. 20260008-OT  
representative status ) Filed: January 23, 2026  
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## **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:

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2. 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,



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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 23rd day of January, 2026

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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

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.

  
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SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January, 2026

District of Columbia ) ss.

  
Pamela G. Gross  
Notary Public  
My Commission expires: April 14, 2027

PAMELA G. GROSS  
NOTARY PUBLIC DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
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