

**BEFORE THE
FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

In re: Petition for a Limited Proceeding to
Approve Large Load Tariff by Duke Energy
Florida, LLC

DOCKET NO.: 20260064-EI
DATED: July 29, 2026

**PREHEARING STATEMENT OF
NUCOR STEEL FLORIDA, INC.**

Pursuant to the Florida Public Service Commission's Order Establishing Procedure, Order No. PSC-2026-0120-PCO-EI, dated May 5, 2026, 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

Duke Energy Florida, LLC's ("DEF") Petition in this case proposes a new Large Load Customer Policy ("LLCP") and Large Load Customer Agreement ("LLCA"). The purpose of the

LLCP and LLCA is to “protect DEF’s other retail customers from bearing the cost burden associated with potential future stranded or underutilized assets.”¹ The Petition makes clear that the need for the proposed large load policies is driven largely by the potential influx of new data center load. DEF’s Petition complies with Senate Bill 484, Ch. 2026-65, Laws of Florida and is a reasonable approach for addressing new large loads while protecting existing customers and ratepayers. Accordingly, the Commission should approve DEF’s Petition.

E. STATEMENT ON SPECIFIC ISSUES

ISSUE A: Does DEF’s petition and associated tariffs comply with the requirements of Section 366.03, Florida Statutes?

- **Nucor:** Yes. DEF’s petition and proposed tariffs are fair and reasonable and do not give any undue or unreasonable preference or advantage to any person or locality.

ISSUE B: Does DEF’s petition and associated tariffs comply with the requirements of Section 366.043, Florida Statutes?

- **Nucor:** Yes. DEF’s petition and proposed tariffs incorporate changes to comply with the requirements of Section 366.043, Florida Statutes. The changes proposed by DEF help ensure that data center and other new large load customer costs are not passed onto existing customers.

ISSUE C: Does DEF’s petition and associated tariffs comply with the requirements of Section 366.05, Florida Statutes.

- **Nucor:** Yes. DEF’s petition and proposed tariffs result in “fair and reasonable rates and charges” and classifications.

ISSUE D: Whether the following persons have standing to intervene in this proceeding:

- a. PCS Phosphate – White Springs
- b. Florida Industrial Power Users Group
- c. Florida Rising, Inc.
- d. Nucor Steel Florida, Inc.

- **Nucor:** Pursuant to Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes and Rule 28-106.205, Florida Administrative Code, Nucor has standing to intervene in this proceeding. Nucor takes no position on whether PCS Phosphate, FIPUG, or Florida Rising have standing. However, Nucor notes that PCS Phosphate, FIPUG, and Florida Rising all have extensive

¹ Petition at 5.

experience participating in cases before the Commission. Nucor is willing to stipulate to the standing of PCS Phosphate, FIPUG, and Florida Rising if those parties are also willing to stipulate to Nucor's standing.

ISSUE E: Is Commission approval, as-filed or with modifications, of the proposed, Large Load Customer Agreement (Tariff Sheet Nos. 7.510-7.530), the Large Load Customer Policy (Tariff Sheet Nos. 4.130-4.132), and their associated terms and conditions consistent with provisions of the 2024 Settlement Agreement approved in Order No. PSC-2024-0472-AS-EI?

- **Nucor:** So long as the LLCA and LLCP do not result in changes to the rates paid by existing customers, approval is consistent with the 2024 Settlement Agreement

ISSUE 1: Should the Commission approve, deny, or deny with leave to refile with modifications the proposed Large Load Customer Policy (Tariff Sheet Nos. 4.130-4.132) and the associated terms and conditions (e.g., minimum term, minimum monthly bill, security requirements, early termination, and special terms provision)? If denied with leave to refile, what should the modifications be?

- **Nucor:** The Commission should approve the proposed Large Load Customer Policy (Tariff Sheet Nos. 4.130-4.132) and the associated terms and conditions as proposed.

ISSUE 2: Should the Commission approve, deny, or deny with leave to refile with modifications the proposed Large Load Customer Agreement (Tariff Sheet Nos. 7.510-7.530) and the associated terms and conditions (e.g., minimum demand, minimum term, minimum demand charge payments, security requirements, and early termination provision)? If denied with leave to refile, what should the modifications be?

- **Nucor:** The Commission should approve the proposed Large Load Customer Agreement (Tariff Sheet Nos. 7.510-7.530) and the associated terms and conditions as proposed.

ISSUE 3: Should the Commission approve, deny, or deny with leave to refile with modifications the proposed CIAC tariff modifications (Tariff Sheet No. 4.030 and 4.132, paragraph 13.07)? If denied with leave to refile, what should the modifications be?

- **Nucor:** The Commission should approve the proposed CIAC tariff modifications (Tariff Sheet No. 4.030 and 4.132, paragraph 13.07) as proposed.

ISSUE 4: What are the effective dates for the proposed Large Load Customer Policy, Large Load Customer Agreement, and CIAC tariff?

- **Nucor:** No position.

ISSUE 5: Should this docket be closed?

- **Nucor:** No position.

F. STIPULATIONS

As of today, there are no issues to which the parties have stipulated.

G. PENDING MOTIONS

As of the date of this Prehearing Statement, Nucor's Petition to Intervene is still pending. Nucor respectfully requests that the Commission enter an order allowing it to intervene as a full party in this docket.

H. PENDING REQUESTS OR CLAIMS FOR CONFIDENTIALITY

None.

I. OBJECTIONS TO QUALIFICATIONS OF WITNESS AS EXPERT

None at this time.

J. 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

I hereby certify that a true copy of the foregoing Petition to Intervene has been furnished
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