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Secretary Donald L. Evans U.S. Department of Commerce Central Records Unit Room B-099 Pennsylvania Avenue and 14th Street, NW Washington, DC 20230

Re: <u>Additional Comment on the Status of the Russian Federation as a</u> <u>Non-Market Economy Under the Antidumping and Countervailing</u> <u>Duty Laws</u>

Dear Secretary Evans:

On behalf of Nucor Corporation and the Committee for Fair Beam Imports, and its individual members, we submit these additional comments in opposition to possible revocation by the Department of Commerce ("the Department") of the Non-Market Economy ("NME") status of the Russian Federation. Application of the six factor test, as stated in 19 U.S.C. § 1677 (18)(B), conclusively demonstrates that Russia continues to merit NME treatment. These additional comments are in response to a panel member's question at the hearing, and provide further information in regard to one factor in the six-prong test, the extent of price controls

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in the Russian Federation. This additional information further demonstrates that the Department should not alter Russia's designation as a nonmarket economy at this time.

Please find attached an original and five copies of our comments. Additionally and as per the Department's request, we hereby submit an electronic copy of the text of our comments on a 3.5 inch diskette.

Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions regarding this submission.

Respectfully submitted,

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