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### Hitachi Power Systems America Awarded Retrofit SCR Contract by Seminole Electric Cooperative, Inc. - Hitachi Environmental Technology Will Help Reduce Power Plant Emissions

BASKING RIDGE, N.J.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Hitachi Power Systems America, Ltd., a wholly owned subsidiary of Hitachi America, Ltd., today announced that it has been awarded a contract for the design, supply and erection of Selective Catalytic Reduction (SCR) systems from Seminole Electric Cooperative, Inc. for their coal-fired Units 1 & 2 at the Seminole Generating Station located in Palatka, Florida. Terms were not disclosed.

The contract includes the design and supply of SCR systems for the station's two (2) 650 MW-class coal fired units. The SCR systems being furnished will utilize Hitachi's state of the art catalyst, offering high NOx removal efficiencies over wide operating load ranges and fuel types. These highly reliable systems are being designed for continuous operation throughout the entire year. Part of the SCR system supply includes a urea-to-ammonia system where a urea solution is converted to gaseous ammonia for the SCR process. This system safely avoids the onsite storage and handling of ammonia. The construction work will span over several years with an expected commencement of January, 2007. The erection portion of the work will be performed by W.W. Gay, a local contractor.

"We're fortunate to have the opportunity to partner with Hitachi, one of the leading manufacturers of emissions control equipment," said Richard J. Midulla, Seminole's executive vice president and general manager. "Adding SCRs to Seminole Units 1 and 2 is another step in our ongoing commitment to the environment, and to our member systems' needs."

Henry Bartoli, president and CEO of Hitachi Power Systems America, Ltd. stated that, "We are extremely pleased to have been specifically selected by Seminole Electric

Cooperative, Inc. to execute this project, and look forward to supporting SECI in their efforts to supply its customers with clean, efficient, low cost electricity.”

### **About Seminole**

Seminole Electric is a generation and transmission cooperative. An estimated 1.6 million individuals and businesses rely on Seminole’s 10 member distribution systems for their electric power, in portions of 46 counties throughout Florida. The primary energy resource serving Seminole’s member systems is the Seminole Generating Station. Seminole’s primary mission is to provide a reliable supply of competitively priced wholesale power to its members. For more information, please visit <http://www.seminole-electric.com>.

### **About Hitachi**

Hitachi Power Systems America, Ltd., a wholly owned subsidiary of Hitachi America, Ltd. is a leading supplier of equipment and services for the Power Generation Market including Thermal, Nuclear, and Hydroelectric facilities. Products include advanced Pulverized Coal Boilers, Heat Recovery Steam Generators, Turbines, Substation Equipment, Wind Generation, Air Quality Control Systems for new plants and retrofit applications. Hitachi Power Systems America is Hitachi’s Global Center of Excellence for the emissions market including Wet Flue Gas Desulfurization (WFGD), mercury removal systems and Selective Catalytic Reduction (SCR) technology. For more information, visit <http://www.hitachi.us>.

Hitachi America, Ltd., a subsidiary of Hitachi, Ltd., markets and manufactures a broad range of electronics, computer systems and products, and consumer electronics, and provides industrial equipment and services throughout North America. For more information, visit <http://www.hitachi.us>.

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