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Seminole distributing more than 100,000 CFLs to promote conservation

Tampa, FL (August 1, 2007) -- As part of its efforts to be responsive to Governor Crist's call for increased conservation, Seminole Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Seminole), a non profit, wholesale power supplier, today announced its plans to continue with the implementation of an agreement reached with the Sierra Club to distribute 100,000 compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs). The CFLs are being provided to Seminole's 10 distribution cooperatives to give to their retail member-consumers.

The agreement with the Sierra Club resulted from Seminole's outreach efforts to obtain support for a planned third coal unit at its existing site in Palatka, Florida.

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) calculates that every CFL that replaces a standard light bulb can prevent more than 450 pounds of greenhouse gas emissions over its lifetime. Based on that formula, the co-ops' CFL distribution will reduce greenhouse emissions by approximately 45 million pounds.

Mike Opalinski, senior vice president of Strategic Services, stated that "Seminole has already acquired more than 30,000 CFLs that have been distributed across our member systems. The next installment will involve the distribution of another 30,000 CFLs to our members."

"This initiative complements our strategy to be a leader in renewable technologies and carbon capture research for pulverized coal generation," Opalinski added. "Energy from coal-fired generation currently supplies approximately 30% of Florida's energy needs."

Seminole is also in the process of expanding its renewable energy portfolio that could add three new projects in the near future. Seminole's current renewable portfolio is 4%, one of the highest in Florida. In addition, the Cooperative recently announced plans to seek proposals to develop the first carbon capture demonstration project in the state in conjunction with its proposed supercritical, pulverized coal plant in Palatka.

About Seminole Electric Cooperative

Seminole, headquartered in Tampa, is a non profit, member owned, wholesale power supplier to 10 member distribution cooperatives. Its members serve nearly 890,000 meters in 46 of Florida's 67 counties, comprising the third largest electric consumer group in the state.