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Seminole announces plans to appeal siting decision

Tampa, FL (August 17, 2007) -- In response to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's (FDEP) denial today of site certification for its proposed new clean coal generating unit in Palatka, Florida, Seminole Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Seminole) issues the following statement.

"Seminole is very disappointed with the FDEP Secretary's decision issued earlier today denying final certification of Seminole's Unit 3 clean coal project," said Timothy Woodbury, Seminole's General Manager.

"This project was initiated more than two years ago under Florida's Power Plant Siting Act. The Florida Public Service Commission determined that this project is needed to meet Seminole's growing demand for electricity. Seminole completed an extensive environmental review process and reached settlements with all participating parties including the Sierra Club and the FDEP staff.

"Seminole believes that the decision to deny this project is contrary to Florida law. We regret that this decision leaves Seminole no alternative but to file an appeal to the courts. Seminole is confident that the courts will agree that this project serves and protects the broad interest of the public."

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.