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## **Seminole Electric Cooperative Hosts Ribbon-Cutting Event for New 2.2-Megawatt Cooperative Solar Facility**

Bowling Green, FL—On the morning of December 7, 2016, Seminole Electric Cooperative, Inc. (“Seminole”) hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony in Hardee County, Florida to commemorate the unveiling of its first Cooperative Solar facility.

Approximately one hundred people, local and state dignitaries, Seminole member electric cooperatives, and Seminole employees were on-hand to participate in the special event. The ceremony was presided over by Seminole’s CEO and General Manager, Lisa D. Johnson, and the President of its board of directors, Mr. William Hart.

“I could not be prouder today to help cut the ribbon on our landmark, first solar facility—which furthers our mission to provide our Members safe, affordable, and reliable electricity,” said Mr. William Hart, Seminole Board President.

The 2.2-megawatt solar facility is comprised of more than 8,000 panels and is located on the grounds of Seminole’s combined cycle natural gas-fired Midulla Generating Station. Although Seminole maintains a robust set of renewable sources of energy in its fuel mix, this facility will be the first large-scale, Cooperative Solar project Seminole has brought online and into its portfolio to operate.

During her remarks, Seminole CEO and General Manager Lisa Johnson highlighted the hard work of, and extensive collaboration between, personnel from Seminole, Farm Credit Leasing, and Radiance Solar, who together enabled the construction of the renewable energy facility. She noted, “Cooperative Solar, among other initiatives, has been one more way in which Seminole can secure our Members’ future while upholding cooperative values,” and continued, “we are careful about how we plan and use resources today, and we are working to embrace new resources for the future.”

**[Photos/Captions of the event are located below. Please contact Steven Rybicki if you would like high-resolution copies of the photos.]**

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*Based in Tampa, Florida, Seminole is one of the largest generation and transmission cooperatives in the country. Its mission is to provide reliable, competitively priced, wholesale electric power to its nine not-for-profit, consumer-owned distribution electric cooperatives. Seminole and its Members collectively serve 1.6 million individuals and businesses in 42 Florida counties. Seminole Electric is an equal opportunity provider and employer.*

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*Seminole CEO and General Manager Lisa Johnson (center-left with scissors) and Seminole Board President William Hart (center-right with scissors) preparing to cut the ribbon. They are accompanied by Seminole's Board of Directors.*



*Seminole CEO and General Manager Lisa Johnson (center-left with scissors) and Seminole Board President William Hart (center-right with scissors) cutting the ribbon.*



*Seminole CEO and General Manager Lisa Johnson (center-left with scissors) and Seminole Board President William Hart (center-right with scissors) cutting the ribbon.*



*Photo of part of the solar facility.*



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