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Mr. Hamilton S. Oven, Administrator
Siting Coordination Office
Department of Environmental Protection
2600 Blair Stone Road
Suite 649, MS-48
Tallahassee, FL 32399-2400

Re: Seminole Electric Cooperative, Inc.
Palatka Units 1 and 2, PA 78-10
Ambient Air Monitors

Dear Mr. Oven:

As you are aware, Seminole Electric Cooperative operates onsite ambient air quality monitors at Seminole's Palatka Units 1 and 2. These monitors collect air quality samples for sulfur dioxide and particulate matter. The monitors and the data collection and reporting have been undertaken pursuant to Condition of Certification 1.B.2., related to Air Monitoring Program. As required, the ambient monitoring program has been conducted in accordance with federal reference methods. Condition 1.B.5 allows the Department and Seminole as the permittee to review this ambient monitoring program annually, beginning two years after Unit 2 began operating.

Seminole has continuously performed this monitoring and reported the results to the Department since 1984. To date, no exceedance of an ambient air quality standard has been seen or reported in the submitted monitoring reports. Currently, the Department operates a nearby ambient air monitor which also has not shown an exceedance of ambient air quality in the region. This Department monitor samples the same parameters as the Seminole monitors and is expected to remain in operation.

The Department has previously authorized Seminole to discontinue the offsite ambient monitors which were located east of the Seminole Generating Station in a farm field in Spuds, FL.

Seminole is requesting that the Department review the ambient monitoring program and the results reported to date, and based upon that review authorize Seminole to discontinue the ambient air quality monitoring program at the remaining onsite locations. As indicated above, the monitoring has shown no exceedances in the past 20 years, and thus the intent of the program- to assure the public of no such air quality exceedances- has been fulfilled. Seminole has discussed this request with representatives of the DEP Bureau of Air Regulation, which indicated that office had no

objection to this request to discontinue the monitoring. Since the ambient monitoring is required under the Conditions of Certification for the Palatka units, it is appropriate that your office act upon this request.

Seminole therefore requests that your office issue a letter to Seminole approving the discontinuance of the ambient air monitoring program, based upon a review of the program and the results reported to the Department. At the appropriate time in the future when the conditions of certification are reopened for other reasons, the conditions of certification on ambient air quality monitoring can be deleted.

Should you have any questions regarding this request, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Roddy", with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Mike Roddy
Senior Environmental Engineer

cc: Trina Vielhauer, FDEP
Jonathan Holtom, FDEP