

County Electric Cooperative and is authorized to represent that it does not oppose this request. Counsel for Seminole has also contacted counsel for the Florida Public Service Commission and is authorized to represent that it does not oppose this request, provided that the time for filing the Commission's answer brief is similarly extended.

4. Due to the press of other professional obligations, including major filings on behalf of other clients before the Florida Public Service Commission and before state public service commissions in other states, the undersigned counsel for Seminole is unable to devote the time required to give the issues in this appeal the attention they deserve and to prepare an answer brief by the current due date. The three-week extension requested by counsel will permit counsel to prepare the brief and give the client the time to review the brief and confer with counsel.

5. No prejudice will result from the brief extension requested.

6. This request for a three-week extension is Seminole's first request for an extension of time in connection with the answer brief in this appeal.

7. Granting a similar extension to the Commission will allow the Appellees to file their answer briefs simultaneously.

WHEREFORE, Seminole moves the Court to grant a three-week extension

of time, to and including June 29, 2001, for Seminole and the Commission to file their answer briefs.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 25th day of May, 2001.

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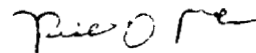
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