



June 5, 2024

Mr. Adam J. Teitzman, Commission Clerk  
Florida Public Service Commission  
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

Dear Mr. Teitzman:

Pursuant to Staff's email request dated May 9, 2024, Seminole Electric Cooperative, Inc. hereby submits for electronic filing the response to the 2024 Ten-Year Site Plan – Staff's Data Request #2.

Please do not hesitate to call me if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "KH", is positioned above the typed name of the sender.

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Enclosure

cc: J. Fuller  
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1. According to SEC's 2024 Ten-Year Site Plan, Schedule 2.3, it appears that the Utility's 2023 Total Number of Customers, in the amount of 893,826, increased by 3.30 percent compared to SEC's 2022 Total Number of Customers, which was 865,281. Please explain the major contributor(s) to this increase.

Seminole's four largest members, accounting for over 82% of Seminole's total meters, are located within parts of Florida that have experienced significant population growth, especially since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020. Seminole's three largest members have service territories extending from north-central Florida to the northern outskirts of Tampa, and they had meter average growth rates ranging from 2% to 4.3% in 2023. This robust growth is due to their proximity to expanding metropolitan centers including Jacksonville, Orlando, and Tampa. Notably, The Villages, an expanding development in this region, has attracted stronger growth over the past couple of years, and we expect similar growth in the foreseeable future. Residential member-consumer growth in the northeastern part of the expanding Sarasota metropolitan area is the strongest throughout the Seminole territory. Seminole's fourth largest Member, with service territory including parts of Manatee and Sarasota, has seen meter growth rates between 6% and 9% since 2020. This generally stronger growth observed in the Sarasota-Manatee-Bradenton metropolitan area since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020 also contributes to explaining the increase observed in Seminole's meters in 2023.