BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Complaint and petition by Lee County Electric Cooperative Inc. for an investigation of the rate structure of Seminole Electric Cooperative, Inc. DOCKET NO. 981827-EC ORDER NO. PSC-99-0167-PCO-EC ISSUED: January 27, 1999

ORDER AUTHORIZING QUALIFIED REPRESENTATIVE STATUS

On December 9, 1998, John A. Noland, Counsel of Record for Lee County Electric Cooperative, Inc., filed a written request pursuant to Rule 28-106.106, Florida Administrative Code, for Donald L. Howell and Kathleen C. Lake of the law firm of Vinson & Elkins, L.L.P. to appear as Qualified Representatives for Lee County Electric Cooperative, Inc. Having reviewed the request, it appears that Donald L. Howell, Texas Bar Number 10098000, and Kathleen C. Lake, Texas Bar Number 11830800, have the necessary qualifications to responsibly represent Lee County Electric Cooperative's interests in a manner which will not impair the fairness of the proceeding or the correctness of the action to be taken. Having met the requirements of Rule 28-106.106(4), Florida Administrative Code, Donald L. Howell and Kathleen C. Lake are authorized to appear as Qualified Representatives in this docket on behalf of Lee County Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by Chairman Joe Garcia, as Prehearing Officer, that Donald L. Howell and Kathleen C. Lake, Vinson & Elkins, L.L.P., 2300 First City Tower, 1001 Fannin, Houston, Texas, 77002-6760, are authorized to appear as Qualified Representatives on behalf of Lee County Electric Cooperative, Inc., c/o John A. Noland, Henderson, Franklin, Starnes & Holt, P.A., 1715 Monroe Street, Post Office Box 280, Fort Myers, Florida, 33902-0280, in this docket.

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Chairman and Prehearing Officer

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NOTICE OF FURTHER PROCEEDINGS OR JUDICIAL REVIEW

The Florida Public Service Commission is required by Section 120.569(1), Florida Statutes, to notify parties of any administrative hearing or judicial review of Commission orders that is available under Sections 120.57 or 120.68, Florida Statutes, as well as the procedures and time limits that apply. This notice should not be construed to mean all requests for an administrative hearing or judicial review will be granted or result in the relief sought.

Mediation may be available on a case-by-case basis. If mediation is conducted, it does not affect a substantially interested person's right to a hearing.

Any party adversely affected by this order, which is preliminary, procedural or intermediate in nature, may request: (1) reconsideration within 10 days pursuant to Rule 25-22.0376, Florida Administrative Code, if issued by a Prehearing Officer; (2) reconsideration within 15 days pursuant to Rule 25-22.060, Florida Administrative Code, if issued by the Commission; or (3) judicial

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Florida Administrative Code. Judicial review of a preliminary, procedural or intermediate ruling or order is available if review of the final action will not provide an adequate remedy. Such review may be requested from the appropriate court, as described above, pursuant to Rule 9.100, Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure.