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Transmitted via electronic submittal

RE: North Florida Resiliency Connection Project Easement Request

Dear Mr. Camposano:

Pursuant to your telephone conversation with Michael Harrington on November 14, 2019, Gulf Power Company (GPC) is pleased to provide the following written commitments and enclosed documents regarding your Agency's review and consideration of GPC's request for easement rights within Lake Talquin State Forest, Wakulla State Forest and Plank Road State Forest (all together Forest Lands) for the North Florida Resiliency Connection (NFRC) Project.

Upon approval of the project by the Acquisition and Restoration Council, GPC offers commitments to the following:

1. GPC agrees to pay for all required appraisals and provide the Florida Forest Service the appraised value of each property where easements are being requested on Forest Lands. The appraised value paid to the Florida Forest Service will be the Division of State Lands approved value, once the appraisal is complete.
2. GPC agrees to provide the Florida Forest Service appropriate mitigation lands, that at a minimum, contain equivalent acreages to the acreages where easements are being requested on Forest Lands. The lands acquired must be approved by the Florida Forest Service.
3. GPC agrees to secure a qualified forester to conduct merchantable timber assessments and agrees to compensate the Florida Forest Service the assessed value of merchantable timber where easements on Forest Lands are being requested. The timber removed from the easement will be compensated at 2x the merchantable value (based on Timber Mart South quarterly prices and product class).
4. GPC agrees to install Corten (weathering steel) poles for the all new structures along Geddie Road at the locations shown in Attachment A.



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5. GPC agrees to provide the Florida Forest Service a Restoration and Management Plan for those areas requiring land disturbance, clearing, or long term vegetation management. The Plan will include the following: (a) Revegetation details including seeding in native ground cover; (b) Mowing schedule/treatment plan; and (c) Post-construction monitoring and nuisance/exotic control details.

Included as attachments, are the below listed items:

1. Attachment A. Map depicting locations of Proposed Corten Poles
2. Attachment B. Table Summarizing Easement Acreages
3. Attachment C. Sketch and Descriptions for each Easement
4. Attachment D. City of Tallahassee Agreement

We trust the above commitments and enclosed attachments are sufficient for the Florida Forest Service to issue a Letter of Concurrence for the NFRC Project. Upon receipt of your letter, GPC will send it to DEP's Division of State Lands for them to continue processing our Application for the Use of State Owned Uplands. The project team at Gulf Power Company appreciates your time and consideration in this matter and looks forward to continuing to work with your Agency during the review process.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures