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August 3, 2020

RE: DHR Project File No.: 2019-4318  
Project: AID 40469-NDB Easement 33305  
Gulf Power NFRC Transmission Line Project Easement Request No. 33305 – Eight Sections

- UF Agricultural Experimental Station, Suwannee County
- UF Agricultural Experimental Station, Gadsden County
- Torreya State Park, Gadsden County
- Joe Budd Wildlife Management Area, Gadsden County
- Lake Talquin State Forest, Leon County
- Plank Road, Jefferson and Leon Counties
- Tallahassee –St. Marks Trail, Leon County
- Wakulla State Forest, Leon County

Dear Ms. Granger:

Our office reviewed the referenced easement request in accordance with this agency's responsibilities under Chapters 267.061 *Florida Statutes*, and implementing state regulations, for possible effects on historic properties listed, or eligible for listing, in the *National Register of Historic Places* (NRHP), or otherwise of historical, architectural or archaeological value.

We note that cultural resource assessments surveys have been undertaken of the above referenced easement segments as part of the overall Gulf Power NFRC Transmission Line project. The survey was divided among three consulting firms. The three resulting survey reports were submitted to the Division of Historical Resources (DHR) Compliance and Review Section (Compliance) for review and included these easement sections. We are providing our comments separately as the eight easement segments fall under the State Lands Section of DHR.

The following easement segments have been surveyed and no eligible sites were found to be located within the project areas:

UF Agricultural Experimental Station, Suwannee County  
Torreya State Park, Gadsden County  
Joe Budd Wildlife Management Area, Gadsden County  
Lake Talquin State Forest, Leon County – *Northern Section only*

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Regarding the UF Agricultural Experimental Station, Gadsden County: One new site was recorded within this project area. It was determined as not eligible for the NRHP. This office concurs with this finding. It is the opinion of this office that the above referenced easement sections have been sufficiently surveyed and the proposed project will have no effect on historic properties in these segments.

However, we do not have sufficient survey information to determination if the proposed project will have an effect on historic properties in the following easement sections:

- Lake Talquin State Forest, Leon County – southern part
- Plank Road, Jefferson and Leon Counties
- Tallahassee –St. Marks Trail, Leon County
- Wakulla State Forest, Leon County

Our understanding is that phase I shovel testing was not conducted for most of these segments for the current project because they had been surveyed under previous projects in the past. However, we do not have test maps or sufficient information from the prior surveys to determine if the coverage is sufficient. The Plank Road segment of the easement is of special concern due to the numerous archaeological and other sites recorded there. Our office will need sufficient information to determine if we concur with eligibility determinations for sites that may be impacted by the proposed project, and how adverse effects, if any, will be addressed.

We note that Compliance requested additional information after reviewing the initial survey reports. These revised reports for the Gulf Power NFRC Transmission Line project are to be delivered to Compliance Monday, August 3-2020. State Lands reviewers have also requested copies of the revised reports to determine if the easement segments of concern are sufficiently addressed. If they are not, we will need to request additional information and possibly further field testing. The Bureau of Archaeological Research (BAR) within DHR will need to review the surveys to determine if they can close out the 1A-32 permits issued for the state land easement segments. In addition, the Acquisition and Restoration Council (ARC) State Lands Liaison at BAR will need to have sufficient information for the easement to advise and make recommendations to the Director of DHR for the ARC meeting when it is scheduled on the agenda.

For any questions concerning our comments, please contact Robin Jackson, Historic Preservationist, by electronic mail at [robin.jackson@dos.myflorida.com](mailto:robin.jackson@dos.myflorida.com).

Sincerely,



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