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Jacksonville, Florida 32256

RE: AID No. 41487-LOA No. 100018-LA-Gulf Power Company-Letter of Authorization for Geotechnical Boring Within UF/IFAS Agricultural Research Center, Quincy, Florida

Dear Mr. Harrington:

This letter will serve as authorization for Gulf Power Company (GPC), a Florida corporation, its officers, employees, agents, and contractors to access the areas in Exhibit "A" (location maps) attached, to perform soil borings for collection of the subsurface data needed to complete the final engineering and pole designs for the new North Florida Resiliency Connection (NFRC) transmission line, AID-No. 40469-Easement No. 33305. This access may require tree removal. This authorization for access to perform soil borings is made per the geotechnical boring specs outlined in Exhibit "B", attached, in order to intersect portions of Lake Talquin, Wakulla, and Plank Road State Forests. Access by Gulf Power Company, its officers, employees, agents, and contractors to enter the properties specifically depicted in the attached Exhibit "A", for geotechnical boring. This consent does not waive the authority and/or jurisdiction of any governmental entity, nor does it disclaim any title interest that the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund of the State of Florida (Board of Trustees) may have in this property. This authorization shall take effect on the date of execution of this letter.

GPC agrees to indemnify, protect, defend, save and hold harmless Board of Trustees and the State of Florida, its officers, agents and employees from any and all damages, claims, costs, expense, including attorney's fees, demands, lawsuits, causes of action or liability of any kind or nature arising out of all personal injury or damages attributable to the acts or omissions of GPC, and its agents, employees or independent contractors. GPC shall contact GRANTOR regarding the legal action deemed appropriate to remedy such damage or claims. GPC shall maintain a program of insurance covering its liabilities as prescribed by Section 768.28, F.S. Nothing herein shall be construed as a waiver of sovereign immunity enjoyed by any party hereto, as provided in Section 768.28, Florida Statutes, as amended from time to time, or any other law providing limitations on claims. In the event GPC subcontracts any part, or all of the work performed in the property described above, GPC, shall require each and every subcontractor to identify the GRANTOR as an additional insured on all insurance policies required by the GPC. Any contract awarded by

GPC for work in the property described above shall include a provision whereby GPC's subcontractor agrees to indemnify, pay on behalf, and hold the GRANTOR harmless for all injuries and damages arising in connection with GPC's subcontract.

For this authorization to be valid, an authorized representative of GPC must sign below and return this letter to my attention at the letterhead address (directed to Mail Station 130) or by email Brad.Richardson@dep.state.fl.us.

Sincerely,



Brad Richardson, Chief
Bureau of Public Land Administration
Division of State Lands

BR/ag

Attachments: Exhibits A and B

GPC acknowledges receipt of the above authorization letter and agrees to the terms and conditions set forth herein.

Gulf Power Company:

By: _____
Signature

Title

Type or Print Name

Date

EXHIBIT "A"

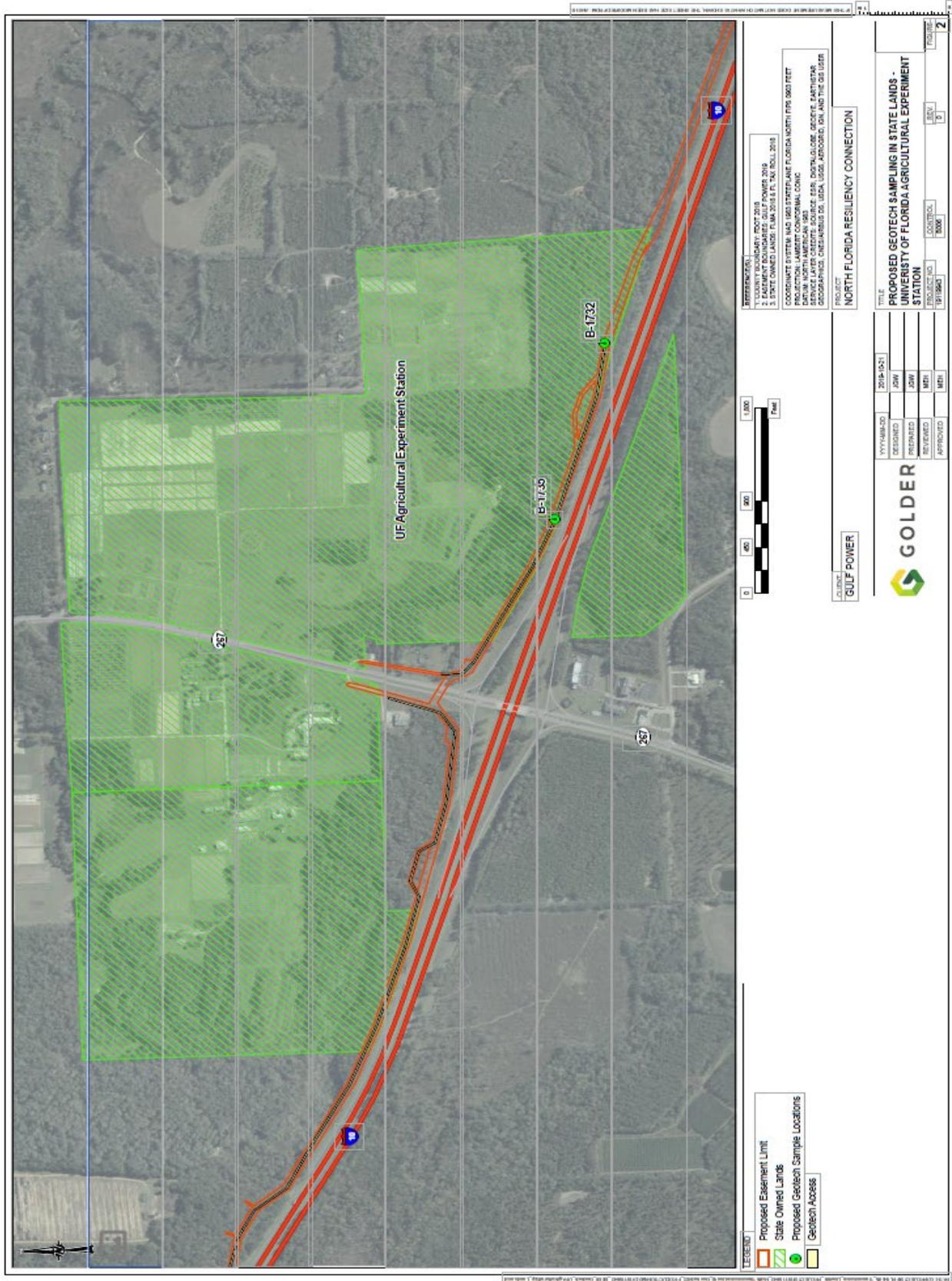


EXHIBIT "B"

NFRC Geotech Boring Details

Bore Size: 4-inch diameter

Bore Depth: Range of 25' to 50' depending on structure type

Backfill Bore Hole: Backfill with dense clay (bentonite) pellets that expand to fill the hole

Access: 15-ft wide path, tree clearing as needed

Drill Rig: Standard Truck Rig (see photo below)

