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RE: DHR Project File No.: 2019-4593-G

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*Cultural Resource Assessment Survey Addendum for the Gulf Power North Florida Resiliency Connection Phase III, Gadsden County, Florida*

Dear Dr. Estabrook:

The Florida State Historic Preservation Officer reviewed the referenced cultural resources assessment survey (CRAS) as part of our ongoing consultation with Gulf Power and the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) regarding the Gulf Power North Florida Resiliency Connection (NFRC) Transmission Line Project associated with USACE permit number SAJ-2019-02766. The project was reviewed for possible effects on historic properties listed, or eligible for listing, on the *National Register of Historic Places* (NRHP), and was conducted in accordance with Section 106 of the *National Historic Preservation Act of 1966*, as amended, and its implementing regulations in *36 CFR Part 800: Protection of Historic Properties*.

Between October and November of 2020, Janus Research (Janus) conducted the above referenced cultural resource assessment survey (CRAS) on behalf of Gulf Power Company (Gulf Power). The survey area consisted of a 3.6 mile corridor, comprising 42.99 acres. The addendum survey identified five newly recorded sites (8GD2274, 8GD2275, 8GD2276, 8GD2277, and 8GD2278). Two archaeological occurrences (AOs) were also recorded. Two previously recorded sites (8GD154 and 8GD712) were revisited. One additional previously recorded site, 8GD126, is plotted in the FMSF as being within the survey corridor, however, no evidence of 8GD126 was observed during the survey.

The newly recorded sites could not be fully bounded because of the limits of the APE and blockage from tree falls, but as expressed within the APE they do not appear NRHP eligible. 8GD154 was previously unevaluated, while 8GD712 has been previously determined ineligible. Janus recommends both 8GD154 and 8GD712 as lacking research potential and not NRHP eligible.

Based on the information provided, our office concurs with the results of the survey and we find the submitted report complete and sufficient in accordance with Chapter 1A-46, *Florida Administrative Code*. This project is subject to a Corps review and determination of effects, which we have not yet received. As such, our comments on the project's effects will be provided to the Corps directly upon receipt of their effects determination communication.

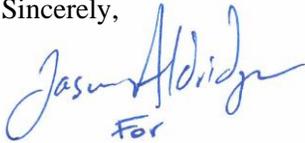
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If I can be of any further help, or if you have any questions about this letter, please feel free to contact Clete Rooney at [Cletus.Rooney@dos.myflorida.com](mailto:Cletus.Rooney@dos.myflorida.com).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jason Aldridge". Below the signature, the word "For" is written in a smaller, simpler font.

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