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

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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) Permit No.: SAJ-2019-02766

Management Summary: Archaeological Excavations at Site 8JE00880 North Florida Resiliency

Connection Transmission Line Project Jefferson County, Florida

Management Summary: Archaeological Site 8JE883, North Florida Resiliency Connection Transmission Line Project, Jefferson County, Florida

Management Summary: Archaeological Excavations at Site 8LE01549 North Florida Resiliency Connection Transmission Line Project Leon County, Florida

Management Summary: Archaeological Excavations at Site 8LE02105 North Florida Resiliency Connection Transmission Line Project Leon County, Florida

Dear Mr. Carey:

The Florida State Historic Preservation Officer reviewed the referenced management summaries of the results of additional archaeological testing for four archaeological sites (8LE2105, 8LE1549, 8JE883, and8JE880) within the North Florida Resiliency Connection (NFRC) electrical line corridor. The sites were all subjected to additional testing in order to assess the potential for each site to contribute significant data to the understanding of Florida's history or prehistory. The review was conducted 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 and the Programmatic Agreement Among the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Florida State Historic Preservation Officer, the Poarch Band of Creek Indians and Gulf Power Company Regarding Gulf Power Company North Florida Resiliency Connection Transmission Line in Columbia, Suwannee, Madison, Jefferson, Leon, Gadsden and Jackson Counties, Florida.

SEARCH conducted Phase II testing at 8LE2105, 8LE1549, and 8JE880, while Janus tested 8JE883. All four sites displayed minimal concentrations of diagnostic artifacts, and lacked features as well as clear cultural strata. No further work was recommended by SEARCH and Janus. The Corps reviewed the management summaries and found the level of Phase II work sufficient. The Corps concurred with the recommendations of SEARCH

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and Janus and finds that the proposed project will have no effect on historic properties and no further work is required.

Based on the information provided, our office concurs with the presented results and recommendations. We concur with the Corps determination of no effect to historic properties listed, or eligible for listing, on the NRHP. We look forward to receiving the final report. 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*.

Sincerely,

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Director, Division of Historical Resources and State Historic Preservation Officer