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RE: Management Summaries for the Historic Properties Testing Plan for 8JA2082, 8MD107 and 8MD345 and the Archaeological Site Testing Plan for 8LE2102 for the Gulf Power North Florida Resiliency Connection Transmission Line Project in Columbia, Suwannee, Madison, Jefferson, Leon, Gadsden and Jackson Counties, Florida (FDHR Project File # 2019-4593)

Dear Mr. Haikey, Mr. Moore and Mr. Aldridge:

Attached via electronic mail are copies of the Management Summaries for the Historic Properties Testing Plan (HPTP) for 8JA2082, 8MD107 and 8MD345 and the Archaeological Site Testing Plan (ASTP) for 8LE2102 performed for the Gulf Power Company (Gulf Power) North Florida Resiliency Connection (NFRC) Transmission Line Project in Columbia, Suwannee, Madison, Jefferson, Leon, Gadsden and Jackson Counties, Florida. This information is being provided in support of a Florida Department of Environmental Protection, request concerning application number 12-0378587-001-EI and US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) permit application number SAJ-2019-02708. Per the previously submitted Work Plan (March 2021) these Management Summaries will be submitted in “clusters” based on the schedule provided. This grouping is the third cluster of four (4) summaries.

These studies were designed to comply with Section 106 of the *National Historic Preservation Act* (NHPA) of 1966 (Public Law 89-665, as amended), as implemented by 36 CFR 800 - *Protection of Historic Properties* (incorporating amendments effective August 5, 2004); the revised Chapter 267, Florida Statutes; Rule 1A-46 of the Florida Administrative Code; and the recommendations set forth in Module 3 of the Florida Division of Historical Resources Cultural Resource Management Standards and Operational Manual (February 2003). The purpose of these investigations was to identify any potential historic properties (e.g., archaeological sites, historic structures, and historic features) within the Area of Potential Effects (APE) defined for this project and assess their eligibility for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. This effort is now being governed by the *Programmatic Agreement Among the US Army Corps of Engineers, the Florida State Historic Preservation Officer, the Poarch Band of Creek Indians and Gulf Power Company Regarding the Gulf Power Company North Florida*

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Resiliency Connection Transmission Line in Columbia, Suwannee, Madison, Jefferson, Leon, Gadsden and Jackson Counties, Florida.

These summary reports report the preliminary findings and recommendations of the data recovery at 8JA2082, 8MD107 and 8MD345 and the archaeological testing at 8LE2102. The laboratory analysis and final report preparation for the data recovery efforts and archaeological site testing is on-going. Final reports detailing the field efforts will follow as these data become available.

With this submittal, I am respectfully requesting your review of, comments on and/or concurrence with the preliminary results, conclusions, and recommendations presented in these Management Summaries. Per Section I(a) of the *Programmatic Agreement*, the Consulting Parties have agreed to a thirty (30) calendar day review for all documents and deliverables.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Richard W. Estabrook". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'R'.

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