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Regulatory Division
North Permit Branch
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Permit Application No. SAJ-2019-02708 (GP-BJC)

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: The purpose of this notice is to advise the public that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District (Corps) will serve as the lead federal agency to fulfill the requirements of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (Public Law No. 89-665; 54 U.S.C. § 306101) for the Gulf Power North Florida Resiliency Connection (NFR) 161kV Transmission Line Project (Project).

ABSTRACT: The Corps served as the lead federal agency for the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) compliance through the review of a Regional General Permit (RGP) SAJ-13 (application #SAJ-2019-02708) to Gulf Power Company (Gulf Power) under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 to construct and operate the Project in Columbia, Suwannee, Madison, Jefferson, Leon, Gadsden and Jackson counties, Florida. The Corps concluded it would execute the draft Programmatic Agreement developed on October 5, 2020, in consultation with the Florida State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, and Gulf Power for the Project.

The proposed action would require verification from a RGP by the Corps, the Corps is complying with its respective regulation implementing Section 106 (36 CFR Part 800 and 33 CFR 325, Appendix C) which require that the Corps takes into account the effects of the proposed action on properties listed on or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. The Corps has evaluated and adopted the consultations completed between the SHPO, and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation dated October 15, 2020 in accordance with 33 C.F.R. § 325 Appendix C Paragraph 2(c) and 36 C.F.R. § 800.2(a)(2). Therefore, the Corps, the Florida SHPO, and Gulf Power will execute a Programmatic Agreement.

The Corps' Draft Determination of Effects memo; 2020 Cultural Resources Assessment Survey (CRAS) Reports; 2020 Addendum Cultural Resources Information Request Memos; and Florida SHPO finding on the completeness and sufficiency of the CRAS reports dated September 11, 2020 are on file with the Florida Division of Historical Resources, Compliance and Review Section and the Florida Master Site File.

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