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Re: Your Letter and Attachment of January 27, 1984
Cultural Resource Assessment Review Request
"Management Summary: Mitigative Excavations at 8Sm23,
A Prehistoric Site Located Within the Central Florida-
Kathleen 500 kv Transmission Line Right - Of - Way,
Sumter County, Florida" by Kenneth W. Hardin

Dear Dr. Voigts:

As per the provisions of Chapter 17-17, Part II, Florida Administrative Code ("Rules of State of Florida Department of Environmental Regulation, Transmission Line Siting Act"), we have reviewed the above cited report with regard to project impact on archaeological site 8Sm23. In our letter of April 11, 1983, we noted that the proposed project would have no effect on significant archaeological and historic sites if the portion of site 8Sm23 scheduled to be disturbed by project activities was subjected to archaeological salvage excavation prior to the initiation of these activities, and the remainder of the 8Sm23 site area was preserved. This recommended mitigative action was performed by Piper Archaeological Research, Inc. in late 1983.

On the basis of the information contained in the above cited report, we concur with the author in concluding that further excavation of the portion of site 8Sm23 located in the road corridor is unlikely to contribute additional significant data on the prehistory of the region. For this reason, it is the determination of this office that the archaeological monitoring and investigative subsurface testing conducted in the area satisfactorily mitigate project impacts to that portion of site

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8Sm23 located in the road corridor and, additionally, to that portion of the site which was inadvertently disturbed by tree-clearing equipment.

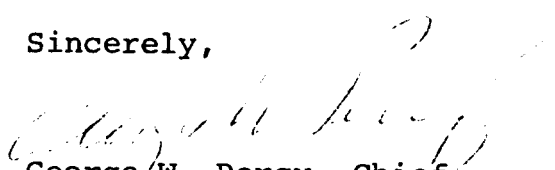
In our letter of April 11, 1983, we noted that site 8Sm23 contains data which would contribute significantly to our knowledge of regional culture history and, therefore, should preferably be avoided and preserved. In the above cited document, it is stated that "a protective fence or barrier" will be erected around site 8Sm23 by Florida Power Corporation "to protect the shallow, but significant, cultural deposit from heavy machinery traffic". It is, therefore, the opinion of this office the proposed project will have no effect on significant archaeological and historic sites if, as stated, the remaining portion of site 8Sm23 is protected and preserved.

In the above cited report, it is also stated that analyses of recovered artifactual, floral and faunal material "are in progress and will be reported upon further in the final report". We look forward to receiving this final report for review and inclusion in our files, and believe that it will make a contribution towards our understanding of regional culture history.

If you have any questions concerning our comments, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Your interest and cooperation in helping to protect Florida's archaeological and historical resources are appreciated.

Sincerely,


George W. Percy, Chief
Bureau of Historic Preservation

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cc: Karen Anthony ✓
Piper Archaeological Research, Inc.