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Florida Department of Environmental Protection
DARM/Siting Coordination Office
2600 Blainstone Road
Tallahassee, FL 32399

July 15, 2022

Re: DHR No.: 2022-2207-C
Project: Transmission Line Siting Act - FPL Sweatt-Whidden Application (TA22-19)

To Whom It May Concern:

Our office reviewed the referenced application and pursuant to Section 403.526 (2)(b), *Florida Statutes*, we submit the following response.

- a. This office has no variances, exemptions, exceptions or other relief from any nonprocedural requirements to include.
- b. This office previously requested and received a desktop analysis of cultural resources within the proposed project area. We found the survey to be complete and sufficient. As such, this office recommends approval of the certification application.
- c. This office requests that the following Conditions of Certification be accepted:
 - Prior to new construction in areas not previously surveyed, and after the ROW has been selected, the Licensee shall conduct a professional cultural resource assessment survey of the sensitive cultural resource areas, as determined in consultation with the Department of State, Division of Historical Resources (DHR). A qualified cultural resources consultant will conduct this investigation in accordance with the appropriate work plan for this project developed within the Desktop Analysis Report requested and approved in consultation with DHR. Upon completion of the field survey, the results will be compiled into a report which shall be submitted to DHR. If feasible, any sites considered to be eligible for the National Register ("historic properties") shall be avoided during construction of the project and access roads, and subsequently during maintenance of the ROW. If avoidance by the proposed ROW of any identified historic properties is not feasible, any adverse effect shall be mitigated through archaeological data recovery or other methods acceptable to DHR, as appropriate.
 - If historical or archaeological artifacts or features are discovered at any time within the project site, the Licensee shall notify the appropriate DEP District office(s) and the DHR, R.A. Gray Building, 500 South Bronough Street, Room 423, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250, telephone number (850) 245-6333, and the Licensee shall consult with DHR to determine appropriate action.

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- Human remains are protected under Chapter 872, *Florida Statutes*. As such, any known sites containing human remains should be avoided, including but not limited to the historical cemetery Pearce-Lockett Estate Cemetery (8HG875).

[Citation: Sections 267.061, 403.531, and 872, F.S.]

If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Tobias, Historic Sites Specialist, by email at Jennifer.Tobias@dos.myflorida.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kelly L. Chase" with "For" written below it.

Alissa S. Lotane
Director, Division of Historical Resources and State Historic Preservation Officer