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Re: Hardee Power Station  
Conditions of Certification (PA89-25  
Natural Gas Pipeline) Ecological Survey

Gentlemen:

Please find enclosed a letter from the U.S. Department of Interior regarding threatened and endangered species along the natural gas pipeline right-of-way. Also enclosed is a letter from Hardee Power Partners in response to the Department of Interior clarifying the agency involvement in of approval of the construction of the pipeline facilities.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact Paul Carpinone or me.

Sincerely,



Gordon L. Gillette  
Director, Project Services

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Enclosures

cc: Ms. Trudie Bell - FDER, Tallahassee

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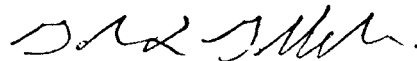
Mr. Joseph D. Carroll  
Acting Field Supervisor  
United States Department of Interior  
Fish and Wildlife Service  
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Dear Mr. Carroll:

This letter is to clarify the approvals that are required for the Hardee Power Station natural gas line. As we discussed in our July 8, 1991 telephone conversation, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission will not be involved in the approval of this pipeline since it will not be an interstate pipeline but rather a private use pipeline serving the Hardee Power Station facility. TECO Power Services has obtained the key federal and state approvals for construction of the pipeline lateral to tie the Hardee Power Station in to the Florida Gas Transmission system. The federal approvals came in the form of an Environmental Impact Statement and Record of Decision, issued by the Rural Electrification Administration, for the Hardee Power Station and its associated natural gas and transmission line facilities. The state approvals were from the Florida Governor and Cabinet through the approval of the Conditions of Certification (COC). The COC will be administered by the Florida Department of Environmental Regulation.

Our request for information on threatened and endangered species in the area of the Hardee Power Station natural gas line was to fulfill the requirements for a post certification submittal to be made to FDER to provide additional detail on the routing and construction of the pipeline. We appreciate your letter providing the requested information on threatened and endangered species.

Sincerely,



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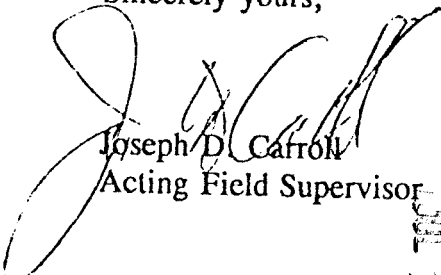
Dear Ms. Fry:

This is in response to your letter dated April 19, 1991, requesting information concerning what threatened or endangered species occur along the proposed alignment of a natural gas pipeline. The pipeline route travels along route 630 and then south along Old 37, Polk County, Florida. The proposed project requires approval by the Federal Energy Commission, which motivates your request for early coordination with the Fish and Wildlife Service. Our comments are provided in accordance with the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended.

It is our understanding that the 18-inch pipeline will be about 8 miles long and will follow existing road rights-of-way. Since the project will be located on the shoulders of existing roads, we do not expect that any threatened or endangered species would frequent the area of impact. Therefore, the effect should be minimal on Federally-listed endangered or threatened species.

If this information is incorrect for any reason, Section 7(a)(2-3) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended, requires Federal agencies to ensure that their actions do not jeopardize the continued existence of listed species. It is the responsibility of the Federal agency to determine if their proposed action "may affect" any listed species or if their action is likely to jeopardize the continued existence of proposed species or result in the destruction or adverse modification of proposed critical habitat. If the determination is "may affect" for listed species, the Federal agency must request, in writing, formal consultation from the Fish and Wildlife Service.

Sincerely yours,

  
Joseph D. Carroll  
Acting Field Supervisor

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