

MINUTES OF MEETING

FLORIDA UTILITIES COORDINATING COMMITTEE

TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA - AUGUST 8, 1940.

Representatives present:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>	<u>Location</u>
R. E. Baker	City of Leesburg	Leesburg, Florida
W. M. Bostwick	Fla. Power & Light Co.	Daytona, Florida
C. M. Broom	Fla. Power & Light Co.	Lake City, Florida
E. L. Cox	Gulf Telephone Company	Perry, Florida
Ernest L. Cox, Jr.	Gulf Telephone Company	Perry, Florida
W. F. Girtman	Florida Telephone Corp.	Leesburg, Florida
W. D. Kyser	Western Union Tel. Co.	Atlanta, Georgia
E. M. Menendez	Southeastern Tel. Co.	Tallahassee, Florida
S. O. Newsome	Riverside Telephone Co.	Blountstown, Florida
John R. Slade	State Road Department	Tallahassee, Florida
J. G. Sparkman	Suwanee Electric Corp. Inc.	Bushnell, Florida
H. V. Street	Fla. Power & Light Co.	Miami, Florida
A. B. Stuart	Fla. Power & Light Co.	Tallahassee, Florida
A. R. Swanson	American Tel. & Tel. Co.	Jacksonville, Florida
Robt. M. Temple	City of Tallahassee	Tallahassee, Florida
A. G. Tetley	Gulf Telephone Company	Perry, Florida
B. E. Wilkerson	Seaboard Air Line Ry. Co.	Jacksonville, Florida
Stanley Warth	Sou. Bell Tel. & Tel. Co.	Jacksonville, Florida

Representatives absent:

Jim Buckles	City Manager	Kissimmee, Florida
George Carver	Suwanee Valley Elec. Corp.	Live Oak, Florida
E. L. Coleman	City of Tallahassee	Tallahassee, Florida
F. A. Coppage	Postal Tel-Cable Co.	Atlanta, Georgia
H. C. Clark	Regional Rep. REA	Birmingham, Alabama
J. H. Downing	State Road Department	Tallahassee, Florida
J. K. Galloway	Winter Park Tel. Co.	Winter Park, Florida
A. B. Green	Florida R.R. Comm.	Winter Park, Florida
R. A. Goodburn	Fla. Power & Light Co.	Miami, Florida
C. S. James	Clay County Corp.	Keystone Heights, Fla.
Wilkins Linhart	Florida R. R. Comm.	Tallahassee, Florida
A. P. Michaels	Consulting Engineer	Orlando, Florida
C. B. McCartney	Fla. Power Corporation	St. Petersburg, Fla.
J. B. McCrary	McCrary Eng. Company	Atlanta, Georgia
J. N. MacFeeley	Sou. Bell Tel. & Tel. Co.	Jacksonville, Florida
E. P. McLean	McLean Eng. Company	Moultrie, Georgia
H. D. Ownby	Orlando Public Serv. Co.	Orlando, Florida
E. W. Parrish	Fla. Public Service Co.	Orlando, Florida
C. V. Saunders	Florida Power Corp.	St. Petersburg, Fla.
R. W. Chriner	Peninsular Tel. Co.	Tampa, Florida
Claude H. Smith	West Fla. Elect. Corp.	Graceville, Florida
L. S. Terrell	Western Union Tel. Co.	Atlanta, Georgia
Wayne Warfield	Tampa Electric Company	Tampa, Florida
O. W. Wettstein III	Fla. Tel. Corporation	Ocala, Florida
E. L. Pulley	Gulf Power Co.	Pensacola, Florida
K. H. Williams	Inter County Tel. Co.	Ft. Myers, Florida

The quarterly meeting of the Florida Utilities Coordinating Committee was held at the Floridan Hotel, Tallahassee, Florida, at 10:00 A.M. on Friday, August 9, 1940.

Due to the absence of the Chairman, Mr. E. W. Parrish, Vice-Chairman H. V. Street presided. The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved and the meeting given over to the discussion of any unfinished business. When called upon, in connection with the discussion at the previous meeting regarding an old case of inductive interference involving the Southeastern Telephone Company, the City of Tallahassee and the Florida Power Corporation, Mr. Menendez advised that while all other difficulties had not been overcome conditions were improved and negotiations were proceeding satisfactorily.

Before proceeding with any new business, Acting Chairman Street welcomed the two members of the Florida State Highway Dept. present and suggested that any questions involving the Highway Department be brought up for discussion before any other new business. Mr. Swanson complimented the Department on the preparation and prompt dissemination of advance information on new highway construction. Mr. Stuart of the Highway Department thanked him and stated that everything possible was being done to keep the Utility Companies informed promptly as to new construction work and that he hoped the Committee would bear with the Department during this time of increased activities as a result of the National Defense Program. In order to possibly secure better distribution of advance information he offered to furnish the Secretary of the Committee copies of notices of new construction with the idea that he could in turn advise all other companies that do not at this time receive the formal notices. He also thanked the Committee for the opportunity to meet with them and suggested that Mr. John R. Slade be forwarded notices of all future meetings.

Mr. Street briefly discussed the recent development at Opalocka and inquired as to plans for highway construction to the new airbase. Mr. Stuart advised that to date no definite plans had been made and that he had no information at this time regarding any.

Mr. Newsome of the Riverside Telephone Company at Blountstown called attention to the fact that many of the smaller companies in western Florida were not familiar with the activities of the Committee and were not deriving any benefits from it. He further stated that the REA Cooperatives operating in the area had not been particularly cooperative and asked that if they were represented. The Secretary explained that the Engineers and Superintendents in charge of the work of both the West Florida and the Escambia County Cooperatives had been contacted and were forwarded notices of every meeting held during the year. According to the records however, these cooperatives have never been represented at a meeting. Mr. Sparkman stated that he was acquainted with the officers of these cooperatives and that he would try to interest them in the work of the Committee. He further stated,

that, in the meantime, if any further difficulties arose he would be glad to do what he could toward working out equitable solutions. Mr. Girtman recommended that Mr. Sparkman be appointed as a committee of one to contact all REA Cooperatives with the idea of securing their interest in the Committee and better cooperation between them and the various Utility Companies. Mr. Sparkman was appointed and the Chairman assured Mr. Newsome that everything possible would be done to promote better relations in West Florida.

In connection with proposed new construction the Secretary reported that during the quarter very few notices had been received. The Florida Power and Light Company has proposed a rural extension in St. Johns County between Moultrie postoffice and DuPont Center. The Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company had work under way on a new toll line between Waldo and Keystone Heights and has proposed a new toll line between DeFuniak Springs and Pensacola. Mr. Wilkerson pointed out that in connection with applications for railroad crossing permits he had noticed that very often the elevation of the proposed structures was not indicated. This information is necessary before the permit can be issued and will expedite issuance if included originally.

Mr. Girtman brought to the attention of the Committee that the annual election of officers should be held and pointed out that according to the by-laws the Secretary automatically became eligible for Chairman and the Vice-Chairman eligible for Secretary and that it should only be necessary to select a candidate for Vice-Chairman. Following some discussion Mr. S. O. Newsome of Blountstown, Florida, was nominated and the following officers were unanimously elected by acclamations: Stanley Warth, Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, Jacksonville, Florida, Chairman; S. O. Newsome, Riverside Telephone Company, Blountstown, Florida, Vice-Chairman; H. V. Street, Florida Power and Light Company, Miami, Florida, Secretary.

Following considerable discussion it was agreed to hold the next meeting of the Committee at Daytona, Florida, on Friday, November 8, 1940.

Adjournment 12:10 P.M.

Stanley Warth
Secretary,
Florida Utilities Coordinating Committee.