

MINUTES OF MEETING
FLORIDA UTILITIES COORDINATING COMMITTEE
FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY, MIAMI, FLORIDA
August 14, 1953

The regular quarterly meeting of the Florida Utilities Coordinating Committee was held at the El Commodore Hotel in Miami, Florida. The meeting was called to order by Chairman G. L. Kenny, Jr. at 10 a.m. Introduction of those present followed. The Committee was welcomed by Mr. R. S. Davis of the Florida Power and Light Company. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Those attending were:

S. D. Gray	Florida Power Corporation	Lake Wales, Fla.
F. E. Treat	Fla. Power & Light Company	Miami, Florida
J. F. Lane	Southern Bell Tel. & Tel. Co.	Miami, Florida
K. D. Boyd	Florida Telephone Corporation	Ocala, Florida
Jack Summitt	Fla. Railroad & Pub. U. Comm.	Tallahassee, Fla.
R. A. Goodburn	Fla. Power & Light Company	Miami, Fla.
B. E. Wilkerson	S.A.L.R.R. (Retired)	Fruitland Park, Fla.
E. T. Stewart	Southern Bell Tel. & Tel. Co.	Miami, Fla.
D. H. Hibbard	Southern Bell Tel. & Tel. Co.	Jacksonville, Fla.
V. D. Bolick	Southern Bell Tel. & Tel. Co.	Miami, Fla.
L. G. Zelenka	American Tel. & Tel. Co.	Jacksonville, Fla.
R. S. Davis	Fla. Power & Light Company	Miami, Florida
Ken Williams	Inter County Tel. & Tel. Co.	Ft. Myers, Fla.
Homer Welch, Jr.	Lee County Electric Coop.	Ft. Myers, Fla.
F. A. Seay	State Road Department	Daytona Beach, Fla.
R. B. Roberts	Fla. Power & Light Company	Miami, Florida
Louis Browning	Fla. Power & Light Company	Miami, Florida
Max V. Rose	Fla. Power & Light Company	Miami, Florida
J. A. Lassefer	Fla. Power & Light Company	Miami, Florida

Mr. Ben Darlington of the Peninsular Telephone Company sent copies of the Territorial Maps and was congratulated by Chairman Oscar Kenny. Mr. Zelenka of the American Telephone & Telegraph Company stated that his company had maps of the location of all the coaxial cable and would furnish same to anyone interested.

Notice of intent to construct was read and approved.

Mr. R. A. Goodburn stated that in the near future work would be started on a high tension line from West Palm Beach to Fort Myers. Also that Florida Power & Light Company plans to increase their voltage to 66,000 from Fort Myers to Naples.

Mr. Kenny of the Florida Power Corporation stated that in several localities they were increasing their voltage to 66,000 in order to give better voltage to the R.E.A.

Mr. Welch of the Lee County Electric Cooperative wished to thank the State Road Department for their cooperation in building his line from Immokalee to Marco Island. He also stated that while their voltage was 25,000 KW they were insulating for 33,000. He stated that the Joslyn Company was experimenting with some stainless steel anchor rods on this particular job to see if they would withstand the corrosion from the salt water and air.

It was brought out that the DuPont people have a representative at Orlando who will at any time put on a demonstration of spraying for brush control.

Mr. Zelenka of the American Telephone & Telegraph Company stated that they have all towers erected between Jacksonville and Atlanta for TV. These towers are from 250 to 400 feet high and will withstand wind velocity of 160 miles per hour. These towers average 25 miles apart.

Mr. Lane of Southern Bell Telephone & Telegraph Company stated that on their Miami-Fort Myers toll line that they had sprayed the brush once a year for three years and at the present time all brush is apparently dead. The Power Companies as a rule are still clearing their right of way by hand and bull dozers. Mr. Lane brought out the fact that extreme care had to be used in spraying as the wind would some times blow spray entirely across the road and kill trees on other property.

Mr. Williams brought out the fact that after many years Mr. Welch of Lee County Electric Cooperative had moved over onto his own side of the road from Fort Myers to Pine Island.

Mr. Davis stated that it became necessary to place new street lights on Miami Beach. They were unable to get metal poles so they had wood poles turned in a lathe, treated and painted. On these poles they routed the ground wire into the pole and they have a very nice appearance and are giving good service.

Mr. Seay of the State Road Department who is obtaining right of way for the new U. S. 1 State Road from Jacksonville to Vero Beach, gave an outline of their plans on this road. They will hold to the east side of existing right of way as much as possible and will miss most of the Utilities except the Florida Power & Light Company. Their detail surveys at the present time are only partly completed. He also stated that the State would have about 50 miles under construction by January or February of next year. Mr. Zelenka of American Telephone & Telegraph Company suggested that everyone concerned get together with Mr. Seay and look at the plans, which was done.

Mr. R. B. Roberts, vice president, Florida Power & Light Company, gave a very interesting talk on the stability of Florida. He had maps and charts and went back for the past 90 years on the progress of Florida which was very interesting as well as instructive.

The next matter of business was election of officers for the coming year. Mr. L. G. Zelenka of the American Tel. & Tel. Company was elected Chairman and Mr. H. L. Martin of Florida Keys Electric Cooperative, Tavernier, Fla. was elected Secretary. Mr. Martin was not present but he had been warned beforehand that that might be one of the penalties for missing the meeting.

Mr. Williams thanked Mr. Davis very much for Mr. Davis' efforts in trying to get Mr. Williams elected to office for another year but Mr. Williams felt that these high honors should be shared by everyone possible.

It being the close of the year, Mr. Williams and Mr. Davis looked the members present over very carefully and found that practically everybody had shoes on, some of them had socks. Homer Welch even had on a coat and necktie so they decided it was a very find up-right bunch of men that they were turning over to the new officers and hoped that they would continue to keep them in this condition.

Florida Power & Light Company pulled another "Keystone Heights" on us and we had a very fine luncheon at the El Commodore Hotel for which the Committee wishes to thank Mr. Davis and other members of the Florida Power & Light Company responsible.

The next meeting will be held at Daytona Beach, November 11, 1953 at 2 p.m. The meeting was arranged in this fashion due to the fact that Florida Tel. Association meets at Daytona Beach Thursday and Friday, November 12th and 13th and it was felt that by arranging the date in this fashion, more telephone people would be able to attend who otherwise might not if the dates were widely separated. The Secretary will notify you later exactly where in Daytona the meeting will be held.

H. L. Martin, Secretary

by: K. H. Williams