

MINUTES OF MEETING
 FLORIDA UTILITIES COORDINATING COMMITTEE
 St. Petersburg, Florida
 February 23, 1963

The regular quarterly meeting of the Florida Utilities Coordinating Committee was called to order by Mr. Ed O'Connor, with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting of November 9, 1962. This meeting was held at the Rollanbe - Pierre Restaurant in St. Petersburg Florida, with the Florida Power Corporation as hosts.

Those present were as follows:

Wilkins Linhart	Florida RR & Pub. Util. Comm.	Fruitland Park
R.S. Davis	Florida Power & Light Co.	Sarasota
M. M. Noa	Gulf Power Corporation	Pensacola
Stanley Warth	Southern Bell Tel & Tel Co.	Jacksonville
Walter H. Anderson	Florida Power & Light Co.	Sarasota
Bob Willis	Florida Power & Light Co.	Sarasota
J. W. Deeds	Florida Power & Light Co.	Sarasota
H. E. Sirmans, Jr.	Florida Power & Light Co.	Sarasota
Charlie Guy	Suwannee Valley Elec. Co.	Live Oak
Louis S. Zelenka	American Tel & Tel Company	Jacksonville
Tom McPeak	Florida Gas Company	Winter Park
Ralph Reid, Jr.	Sumter Electric Coop.	Sumterville
W. E. Middleton	Bartow Municipal Power	Bartow
A. W. Kelly	Bartow Municipal Power	Bartow
Ray Robbins	Sumter Electric Coop.	Sumterville
D. J. Thigpen	Sumter Electric Coop.	Sumterville
J. Killermann	Sumter Electric Coop.	Sumterville
Gary T. Mitchell	Florida Power Corp.	St. Petersburg
J. H. Blanchard	Florida Power Corp.	St. Petersburg
L. W. Abrams	Florida Power Corp.	Clearwater
E. M. Salley	State Road Department	Tallahassee
B. J. Conti	State Road Department	Ft. Lauderdale
R. L. Burkhart	Winter Park Tel. Co.	Winter Park
D. A. Wilson	Inter County Tel & Tel Co.	Ft. Myers
M. H. Hawking	Inter County Tel & Tel Co.	Ft. Myers
Ken Radekin	North Florida Telephone Co.	Live Oak
Walter B. Oliver	North Florida Telephone Co.	Live Oak
Lambert A. Friederick	Peoples Gas System, Inc.	Tampa
R. K. Conaway	City of Tampa Water Dept.,	City Hall Tampa
G. W. Cock	Tampa Electric Co.	Box 11 Tampa
E. A. Thompson	State Road Department	Bartow
H. Dean Broome	Tampa Electric Co.	Tampa
E. V. Edwards	Florida Power Corp	St. Petersburg
W. V. Bunker	Tri-County Elec. Coop., Inc.	Madison
G. T. Slider	Sarasota County	Box 11-727 Sarasota
Ed O'Connor	Florida Power Corp.	St. Petersburg
W. P. Malloy	Southeastern Telephone Co.	Box 2214 Tallahassee

Each of those in attendance was introduced followed by an introduction of guests.

An expression of gratitude was extended from Mr. O'Connor to those in attendance for a good turn-out and enthusiasm shown.

It was pointed out that Mr. Homer Welch was now home, recuperating from a recent heart attack.

A review of the letter of recommendation as outlined by the sub-committee to the State Road Department for the purpose of increasing voltage, was read by the Secretary. A copy of this recommendation will be sent to Mr. O'Connor, who in turn will submit a letter of recommendation to the State Road Department for their consideration.

A list of the Notices of Intent from various utility companies was presented for discussion.

Mr. Noa briefly described Gulf Power's Program for expansion of lines in the West Florida area. Mr. Noa made a motion that the committee continue its procedure to have the voltage limitation removed on lines along State Rights-of-way. Mr. Thigpin seconded Mr. Noa's motion.

Mr. O'Connor asked Mr. Salley of the State Road Department to elaborate on permits in connection with additions to existing pole lines. Mr. Salley pointed out that in connection with the relocation or moves of existing facilities, that a supplemental permit could be submitted if in this move, line characteristic were not changed, or spacing of poles differed. Any change in voltage, spacing of poles or type of facilities will then require the preparation of a new permit.

Mr. Zelenka pointed out he had been requested to provide five copies of an old permit in connection with reconstruction of a road. In this particular case, facilities were not on the road in question, but held on a permit of a road extending across the road to be constructed. The Committee suggested that Mr. Zelenka write a letter of inquiry to the State Road Department District office as to why the change in policy with copies to Mr. Mickler, the new State Road Department Maintenance Engineer. Mr. O'Connor suggested a meeting of all District Maintenance Engineers to discuss permits and different procedures followed by various Districts.

It was recommended that such a meeting be handled through the Tallahassee Office and that a survey be made to prepare a list of questions of known differences in the Road Districts. This list would be submitted to the State Road Department prior to the Next meeting of the Florida Utilities Coordinating Committee. Bill Malloy made a motion to hold the next meeting as pointed out by Mr. O'Connor and was seconded by Mr. Noa. Bill Malloy was instructed to coordinate and set up this meeting.

Mr. Noa hastened to point out that although there is still room for improvement, the State Road Department has made great strides in improvement in the past 1½ years. The expressions of the Committee was unanimous in this respect.

Mr. Conway commented on behalf of the Greater Tampa Utility Committee that had been organized, and of the assistance that Mr. Thompson and Mr. Salley of the State Road Department had given his group.

A question by Mr. Noa - A letter had been received from the State Road Department district which stated the State Road Departments intent to check on grounding of fences along the State Road Department rights-of-way where lines cross over fences. It was suggested that Mr. Noa send a letter of inquiry to the District inquiring as to the intent of the procedure with a copy to the State Road Department Electrical Engineer in Tallahassee

Mr. Warth discussed the purpose of the Florida Utility Coordinating Committee and the benefits that each company could derive from this committee providing that it actively participates and not be reluctant to discuss problems at these meetings. This committee is set up for the Utilities and should be used for that purpose.

Mr. O'Connor introduced Mr. Eddie Edwards of the Florida Power Corporation, who is in charge of Right-of-way Acquisition for Transmission and Distribution lines. Mr. Edwards briefly described the delay in acquiring right-of-way from the notification by the State that a relocation is necessary to a final settlement with the property owner. The lead time prior to the starting of road jobs is very important due to the property search, evaluation studies, preparation of easements, contact with property owner, appraisal, consultation with attorney, and final settlement. Mr. Edwards pointed out that all of us as utility users should be interested in what various utility companies are doing since in effect we are stockholders by use.

A short discussion followed Mr. Edwards talk.

The Committee expressed their appreciation to Mr. Edwards for this informative discussion on right-of-way acquisitions.

Walter Anderson extended an invitation for the next Florida Utilities Coordinating Committee meeting to be held in Sarasota on May 3rd. At this point, Mr. Davis choose to give the committee the benefit of his 'words of wisdom' which the secretary was instructed not to include in these minutes. Mr. Warth also extended an invitation for the next utilities meeting to be held in Jacksonville. By vote of the Committee, the May meeting will be held in Sarasota, and the August meeting will be held in Jacksonville.

On behalf of the Committee, the Secretary wishes to express their gratitude to the Florida Power Corporation for acting as hosts of this meeting.

William P. Malloy

WILLIAM P. MALLOY
Secretary

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