

FLORIDA UTILITIES COORDINATING COMMITTEE

August 2, 1974

Hawaiian Village

Tampa, Florida

The following is a list of persons who attended the meeting, also denoting organization they represent.

| <u>NAME</u> | <u>FIRM</u> | <u>LOCATION</u> |
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| ✓ A. N. Brockman | Southern Bell | Jacksonville, Fla. |
| ✓ Pop Edwards | A. T. & T. Co. | West Palm Beach, Fla. |
| ✓ Glen Cock | Tampa Electric | Tampa, Fla. |
| ✓ W. H. Anderson | Florida Power & Light | Sarasota, Fla. |
| ✓ V. B. Nolan | Florida Power & Light | Miami, Fla. |
| ✓ Bud Vierday | Florida Power Corp. | St. Petersburg, Fla. |
| ✓ Ken Brown | Tampa Electric | Tampa, Fla. |
| ✓ Roswell Sherling | Lee Co. Elec. Coop. | Ft. Myers, Fla. |
| ✓ Walter Holmes | A. T. & T. Co. | Gotha, Fla. |
| ✓ E. J. Deno | A. T. & T. Co. | Jacksonville, Fla. |
| ✓ Don Brant | City of Orlando | Orlando, Fla. |
| ✓ Terry Timmons | Visitor | Gary, Indiana |
| ✓ F. T. Timmons | General Telephone | Anderson, Indiana |
| ✓ Verne R. Brown | General Telephone | Tampa, Fla. |
| ✓ W. L. Childs | Dept. of Transportation | Bartow, Fla. |
| ✓ A. W. Landers | Dept. of Transportation | Ft. Myers, Fla. |
| ✓ Carlos Ugarte | Manates County | Bradenton, Fla. |
| ✓ John F. Clark | United Telephone Co. | Avon Park, Fla. |
| ✓ J. W. Smith | Dept. of Transportation | Lake City, Fla. |
| ✓ W. L. Anderson | Dept. of Transportation | Bartow, Fla. |
| ✓ J. A. Wright | Dept. of Transportation | Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. |
| ✓ E. M. Salley | Dept. of Transportation | Tallahassee, Fla. |
| ✓ C. H. Andrews | Dept. of Transportation | Chipley, Fla. |
| ✓ R. S. Cox | Dept. of Transportation | Tallahassee, Fla. |
| ✓ Jim Kellermann | Sumter Elec. Coop. | Sumterville, Fla. |
| ✓ J. W. Andrews | Southern Bell | Miami, Fla. |
| ✓ W. A. Fitzsimmons | Southern Bell | Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. |
| ✓ W. J. Hopgood | Florida Power & Light | Miami, Fla. |
| ✓ H. V. "Vic" Gardner, Jr. | Orlando Utilities Comm. | Orlando, Fla. |
| ✓ D. F. Johnson | General Telephone | Tampa, Fla. |
| ✓ Glen Clemens | Burnip & Sims | West Palm Beach, Fla. |
| ✓ R. W. Afeld | General Telephone | St. Petersburg, Fla. |
| ✓ H. C. (ILLEGIBLE) | General Telephone | St. Petersburg, Fla. |
| ✓ R. B. Sensebough | Dept. of Transportation | Tallahassee, Fla. |
| ✓ Bob Foote | Winter Park Telephone | Winter Park, Fla. |
| ✓ Paul Mundy | General Telephone | Tampa, Fla. |

The August 1974 meeting, which was held jointly with the American Right of Way Association in Tampa, Florida, was called to order at 9 A.M. by the Chairman, Norton Brockman. There were self-introductions by all members present. Minutes of the previous meeting were read by the Secretary, Vic Gardner. The Chairman asked if there were any additions, amendments or corrections to the minutes. There were a few comments; however, the minutes were adopted as read.

OLD BUSINESS

The Chairman asked for any comments relative to old business. Glen Cock requested the latest disposition and what follow-up had been made on the following items:

1. Final disposition of House Bill 1772 (SB 232).
2. The final disposition of the requirements for the Gas Transmission Lines as set forth in the UTILITY ACCOMMODATIONS GUIDE of which some were still being objected to by the Gas Transmission Companies.

Chairman Brockman said he planned to call on Ken Brown, Chairman of the Sub Committee on House Bill 1772 later in the meeting.

Ernest Salley stated that he was aware that the Gas Companies had presented some of their problems encountered to the State relative to some of the requirements in the Guide; however, as far as he knew the requirements remain as were stated in the new ACCOMMODATIONS GUIDE which was adopted and promulgated January 7, 1974.

Chairman Brockman next called for the Chairmen of two sub-committees for final reports, if any, one being the UTILITIES ACCOMMODATIONS GUIDE, the other being Utility Facilities on Department of Transportation Drawings. Since the UTILITIES ACCOMMODATIONS GUIDE had been adopted, the Chairman stated that this sub-committee which was chaired by "Kemp" Kempson was hereby disbanded. The Chairman also stated since the work of the sub-committee, chaired by Ed Williams, on Utility Facilities on Department of Transportation Drawings was completed, this committee was also disbanded.

Chairman Brockman then called on Ken Brown for a report of his sub-committee relative to House Bill 1772 (SB 232). Ken Brown recommended that this sub-committee also be disbanded for the present since the Legislature had never put the bill on the Agenda. It was his understanding that the bill would be re-introduced in the next session of the Legislature, and that there was a good possibility that it may be passed.

The Chairman then stated that we had three speakers for today, who represented three major Florida utilities in Tallahassee, and thought they might be able to give us some insight as to the future of House Bill 1772 and stated if there were no objections, he would disband the sub-committee on House Bill 1772. There being no objections, this sub-committee was also disbanded.

Chairman Brockman then called on Paul Mundy for a report on the Plant Protection Sub-Committee. Since Paul was not present at that time, he requested comments from the floor on this subject. "Pop" Edwards and Ernest Salley commented on steps which were being taken in some areas of Florida to establish the "ONE NUMBER CALL SYSTEM". The Chairman stated he had heard a rumor that, before long, it would be a Federal requirement; however, Ernest Salley said he had not heard that, but he did know that a bill, relative to this subject, had been introduced in the last two sessions of the Legislature; however, no action had been forthcoming on it yet.

The meeting was then temporarily adjourned in order that all members could proceed to hear a presentation being given at the American Right of Way Association Meeting by the present Florida Speaker of the House, the Honorable Terrell Sessums.

The meeting was again called to order and Chairman Brockman called on Verne Brown to introduce the three guest speakers for today. The first guest speaker was introduced as being Mr. Dave Walker, Assistant Vice President, Southern Bell Telephone Company, who is responsible for public affairs and political activities throughout the State of Florida, also being responsible for contacts with Florida's congressional delegates in Washington, D. C.

The second guest speaker introduced was Mr. James H. B. Woodroffe, III, who is employed by Tampa Electric Company as Administrative Assistant to the Vice President.

The third guest speaker introduced was Mr. Richard W. Jones, employed by Florida Power and Light Company and presently serving as Administrative Assistant in charge of the Tallahassee office for Florida Power and Light Corporation.

Mr. Walker's subject related to the Legislature in Tallahassee and what effect it may have on utilities now and in future legislation. He commented on the total number of bills filed in the Legislature, as opposed to the percentage passed (approximately 18-20 percent). Mr. Walker commented on the difficulty encountered in attempting to keep track in both houses of all the bills affecting his own company (167). In order to do this, all of the lobbyists representing the various utilities had to work together in helping each other keep track of where the bills were at all times. He said that most of the present legislators were professional people such as doctors,

lawyers, architects, etc., and there were not too many with a business background. He stressed the necessity for more legislators with business backgrounds who understand the problems of businessmen and the advantages to business of having these types of legislators in the future. Mr. Walker said that you must know the legislator fairly well, when you approach him to discuss a bill. You should never approach a legislator, whom you've never met, and commence discussing a bill in which you have an interest. He said it was impossible to get everything you desired into a bill and if you accomplish a portion of what you wanted, then you have done the best you can. You cannot let the losses get you down because if you do, your job as a lobbyist becomes most ineffective.

The second speaker, Mr. Woodroff's subject was "How Legislators Came By Proposing Bills And Getting Them To The Floor". He stated that it could be the legislator's own idea, a friend's idea, or something a certain company representative may suggest to the legislator. He explained the procedure by which the bills were polished up by various staff members into the forms in which the legislators desire to have them filed. They then go to the Speaker of the House and/or the President of the Senate, who refers these bills to their respective committees. Sometimes there are various amendments attached to these bills; consequently, the lobbyists have to watch all bills very closely for these amendments which may or may not affect or change the bills the lobbyist desires to have passed. The bills next proceed to the Rules Committee, and they cannot proceed any further until the Rules Committee places them on the Calendar. This Committee is where a great many bills will die. If the bills do get on the Calendar they may switch back or forth between the House and the Senate with various amendments attached or taken off, so the lobbyists have to be on their toes at all times to examine these bills in which they have an interest. The bills may finally end up in joint House and Senate Committees, before being presented to both houses for vote.

The third guest speaker was Mr. Richard Jones, who is employed by Florida Power and Light Company. He stated in the last session of the Legislature he followed 554 bills, which were of interest to his company, of which only 79 were passed. You must know your work and be prepared to testify when the time comes for a bill in which you have an interest to go to Committee for discussion and/or vote. You should have followed it close enough so that you know you have enough votes to get it out of Committee and on to the Floor. It is a great game of compromise in order to get the best bill passed with which your company can live. One of the most important jobs of a lobbyist is to have on hand, when the time comes, qualified representatives from your company who can answer the various questions which may be asked by the legislators when a bill is being discussed in Committee. The legislators can then properly evaluate the bill in question.

Finally, he stated that in the past, businesses as a whole in Florida have been kicked around as a step child in the Legislature;

consequently, it is necessary that all businessmen wake up and become involved. They must attempt to get legislators elected who will consider and protect business interest when voting on various bills. Following these three presentations there was a question and answer period.

Chairman Brockman reminded all that this meeting was the time when new officers were elected. He stated that the by laws called for the former Secretary to assume the Chair, the Vice Chairman to assume the Secretary's position and a new Vice Chairman to be nominated by the Committee. The present Vice Chairman, Bill Hopgood, due to some business circumstances, had requested that he be continued as Vice Chairman; consequently, the nominating committee has submitted the following for officers for the year 1974-1975:

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| Chairman | Mr. H. V. Gardner, Jr. |
| Secretary | Mr. B. A. Kempson, Jr. |
| Vice Chairman | Mr. William J. Hopgood. |

The Chairman asked if there were any further nominations from the floor. There being none, it was moved and seconded that nominations be closed. A vote was taken and the officers as nominated were elected unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

At this time, the new Chairman, Vic Gardner, assumed the Chair and requested if there were any items to be discussed under New Business.

Bill Hopgood made a motion that a committee be appointed to study the by laws to evaluate the possibility of amending Section 6 of the by laws in order that the Florida Utilities Coordinating Committee could hold meetings three times a year, rather than the normal four. He also wanted the sub-committee to investigate the possibility of having these three meeting dates conform and run consecutively with the dates that the American Right of Way Association meetings were held. He explained that he thought this was desirable due to the present economic situation within the various companies, and in view of the fact that quite a few of the members belonged to both of these organizations, it would be most economical for the companies. Chairman Gardner stated that he would hold the motion in abeyance as he intended to appoint a new standing committee and thought it would be appropriate for them to evaluate this matter.

The following persons volunteered and were appointed to the Standing Committee for 1974-1975:

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| Mr. Ken Brown | Electric Utilities (Power) |
| Mr. Norton Brockman | Telephone |
| Mr. Bob Corn | Gas Transmission |
| Mr. Don Brandt | Municipals |
| Mr. W. A. Anderson | Department of Transportation |

Mr. Ken Brown was subsequently asked to act as Chairman of this committee and he accepted.

The motion previously made by Mr. Hopgood relative to the number of meetings annually and times of meetings was again made and seconded and passed by a majority. This motion was referred to the Standing Committee for study and evaluation. The Chairman requested that a recommendation be presented by the Standing Committee at the November meeting.

Don Brandt commented on the probability of having the Florida Utilities Coordinating Committee promulgate a pamphlet of sorts which would indicate the Florida Utility Coordinating Committee's accomplishments over the past few years. "Kemp" Kempson stated that the Committee, at one time, had a historian who kept a copy of all the minutes, happenings and accomplishments dating back to the 1930's. There was a short discussion relative to the historian and the location of all the papers, minutes, etc. Someone stated that he either had or knew where the past records were. Since the historian no longer attended due to his advanced age, the floor was opened for nominations for a historian. Verne Brown volunteered and was nominated and seconded, there being no further nominations from the floor, nominations were closed and a vote was taken. Verne Brown was elected unanimously to be the new Florida Utility Coordinating Committee Historian.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was entertained, seconded and carried. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



B. A. Kempson, Jr.
Secretary

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