

MINUTES OF MEETING  
 FLORIDA UTILITIES COORDINATING COMMITTEE  
 WAUCHULA, FLORIDA  
 FEBRUARY 23, 1962

The regular quarterly meeting of the Florida Utilities Coordinating Committee was called to order at 10 A.M. Vice Chairman Ken Williams presided in the absence of Chairman Ralph Oswald.

An introduction of those present showed the following listed persons in attendance:

D. J. Thigpen	Sumter Electric Coop., Inc.	Sumterville
Pete Reid	Sumter Electric Coop., Inc.	Sumterville
Jim Kellerman	Sumter Electric Coop., Inc.	Sumterville
J. Ed Allsopp	State Road Department	Bartow
Paul Eleazer	Florida Power Corporation	Lake Wales
S. D. Gray	Florida Power Corporation	Lake Wales
E. J. O'Connor	Florida Power Corporation	St. Petersburg
W. H. Anderson	Florida Power & Light	Sarasota
Jim Spencer	Florida Power & Light	Sarasota
Ken Williams	Inter County Telephone Co.	Fort Myers
R. C. Jowers	Inter County Telephone Co.	Fort Myers
W. H. Hawkins	Inter County Telephone Co.	Fort Myers
Ivon Tilyou	Peace River Electric Coop.	Wauchula
L. Grady Burton	Peace River Electric Coop.	Wauchula
R. Clayton Dickinson	Tampa Electric Company	Tampa
Stanley Warth	Southern Bell Tel. & Tel. Co.	Jacksonville
K. M. Allison, Jr.	Lee County Electric Coop., Inc.	Fort Myers
Wilkins Linhart	Florida Railroad & Public Utilities Commission	Fruitland Park
Angelo Tabinelli	Southeastern Telephone Company	Tallahassee
Ken Radekin	Winter Park Telephone Company	Winter Park
Bruce C. Thomas	Florida Industrial Commission	Tampa

Mr. L. Grady Burton, Attorney for the Peace River Electric Cooperative, welcomed the group on behalf of the Cooperative and the City of Wauchula.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

A tabulation of the Notices of Intent was distributed for perusal by the group. There was no comment on this tabulation.

Mr. Dickinson asked the group for comments concerning the proposed revisions to Agreements for Utility Adjustments both for State primary and secondary projects and Interstate projects. Considerable discussion followed concerning the provisions of these revised agreements. The group felt that Item 10 of the Agreement for Reimbursement for Utility Work on Federal Aid Pro-

jects is identical to the above mentioned Item 10. These items read as follows: "The Company further agrees that in the event the changes, adjustments or relocation of such facilities or utilities shall be done simultaneously with the construction project that it will reimburse the contractor directly for any just claim due to delays caused by the Company's operations or hinderance to the contractors efficient prosecution of the construction work". The main objections to these items included the anticipated conflicts in interpreting the item to determine just what a delay or hinderance involved. Revisions to construction plans, after projects had been started, could very easily bring about a situation whereby the utility could cause a delay to the contractor because of the need to obtain private right of way to relocate the utility. Mr. Dickinson made a motion that the Secretary be asked to write a letter to the State Road Department expressing the views of the group. Mr. Gray seconded this motion. (Letter to State Road Department on this matter is attached as an addendum to these minutes).

Mr. Thigpen reported to the group that contact had been made with Mr. A. C. Church, State Highway Engineer, at the Utility Adjustment Conference in Tallahassee on November 13, 1961 concerning increasing the voltage limitation of 13,200 volts stipulated in existing State Road Department Use Permits, Form 121. Mr. Church stated that he would rather discuss this matter at a future date since there was so much material to be covered at the conference. Mr. Thigpen asked that the Secretary be asked to write Mr. Church attempting to obtain an appointment with him for further discussion of this matter. (Letter to Mr. Church on this matter is attached as an addendum to these minutes).

Mr. Radekin explained to the Committee a proposal that was made by the Liason Committee of the American Right of Way Association to the State Road Department. The proposal asked that the District Engineers of the State Road Department hold planning conferences with the utilities in a particular area before design work on road projects begins. This conference would eliminate much duplication of effort on the part of the utilities and allow them additional lead time in planning location of facilities.

Mr. Allsopp stated that he was attending the meeting at the request of Mr. M. N. Yancey for the purpose of transmitting any comments to him. Mr. Gray asked Mr. Allsopp to look into the feasibility of including pole numbers of utility poles on State Road Department prints. This would be an aid to the utility in locating and identifying their facilities. Mr. Allsopp was of the opinion that this could be accomplished. He will pass this request to those concerned.

Mr. Tilyou complained to Mr. Allsopp concerning relocation of and reimbursement for moving his facilities to clear various road projects. He stated that instances had occurred where he had received a request from the State for an estimate on moving his facilities. When he attempted to coordinate this estimate with the local Maintenance Engineer he found that this engineer had no notice of the work to be done on the project. This makes estimating almost impossible. Mr. Tilyou also complained about the time lag in reimbursement for relocating facilities. He is of the opinion that he can not do any more relocation work until such time as he is reimbursed for work previously completed. Mr. Thigpen stated that he has not received reimbursement for work done as far back as 1959. Mr. Allsopp will forward these comments for consideration and further handling.

Mr. Gray asked Mr. Tilyou to bring the group up to date on the progress being made to recover the 40 foot class 5 pole stolen from him and reported in the minutes of the previous meeting. Mr. Tilyou had nothing to report.

Mr. Warth asked that letter to Mr. Church on voltage limitations for highway permits not spell out a specific limitation but refer to this voltage as a distribution voltage.

Mr. Sam Gray extended an invitation to any of the group in attendance to be his guest at the Passion Play in Lake Wales.

Mr. Tabinelli told the Committee of a new telephone company coming into existence. The name of this company will be the Florida Central Telephone Company. It will serve Oklawaha and Madison Counties with exchanges at Ponce DeLeon, Freeport, Glendale, Baker, Lee and Cherry Lake. The Cherry Lake exchange includes Hanson and Pinetta. The Baker exchange serves Baker, Holt and Escambia Farms. Service to these communities is expected this year.

The system will have approximately 600 miles of outside plant mostly buried construction. Initially the service area will contain 1300 stations with a five year predicted growth to 2100 stations.

In accordance with a motion passed at the previous meeting, the May 11, 1962 meeting will be held in Jacksonville under the sponsorship of the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company. Host for the meeting will be Mr. "Words of Wisdom" Warth.

On behalf of the Committee, the Secretary would like to express its gratitude to Mr. Tilyou and the Peace River Valley Electric Cooperative for acting as host and providing the fine luncheon and entertainment.



E. J. O'Connor  
Secretary

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