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## FLORIDA UTILITIES Coordinating Committee

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The May 1975 meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Vic Gardner at 9:00 AM and self-introductions were as follows:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>FIRM</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
✓ Tom Granquist	Southern Bell	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.
✓ C. E. Hanle	Southern Bell	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.
✓ Pop Edwards	A. T. & T. Co.	West Palm Beach, Fla.
✓ Bud Vierday	Florida Power Corp.	St. Petersburg, Fla.
✓ Scott Boggs	Greiner Engineering	Tampa, Fla.
✓ W. L. Anderson	Dept. of Transportation	Bartow, Fla.
✓ G. W. Clark	Dept. of Transportation	Chipley, Fla.
✓ Paul Mundy	Gen. Tele. Co. of Fla.	Tampa, Fla.
✓ John Clark	United Tele. of Fla.	Avon Park, Fla.
✓ Ken Brown	Tampa Electric Co.	Tampa, Fla.
✓ R. E. Robinson	Southern Bell	Jacksonville, Fla.
✓ A. N. Brockman	Southern Bell	Jacksonville, Fla.
✓ Dennis M. LaBelle	Fla. Power & Light	Miami, Fla.
✓ Ed Williams	Southern Bell	Miami, Fla.
✓ J. W. Andrews	Southern Bell	Miami, Fla.
✓ Melvin E. Garlotte	Orlando Utilities Comm.	Orlando, Fla.
✓ J. M. Austin	Dept. of Transportation	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.
✓ Rocky DePrimo	Dept. of Transportation	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

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✓ C. J. Blanton, Jr.	Dept. of Transportation	Tallahassee, Fla.
✓ Carter C. Holley	Dept. of Transportation	Tallahassee, Fla.
✓ J. W. Smithy	Dept. of Transportation	Lake City, Fla.
✓ W. J. Dickens	Fla. Power & Light Co.	Daytona Beach, Fla.
✓ Roswell Sherling	Lee County Electric Co-Op.	Ft. Myers, Fla.
✓ Jack Johnson	Lee County Electric Co-Op.	Ft. Myers, Fla.
✓ A. W. Landers	Dept. of Transportation	Ft. Myers, Fla.
✓ Thomas E. Lewis	Clay Electric Co-Op.	Keystone Heights, Fla.
✓ Clarence R. Wood	Clay Electric Co-Op.	Keystone Heights, Fla.
✓ G. A. Reed	Clay Electric Co-Op.	Keystone Heights, Fla.
✓ D. E. Sterba	Fla. Gas Transmission Co.	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.
✓ R. H. Corn	Fla. Gas Transmission Co.	Winter Park, Fla.
✓ R. E. Beckham	Fla. Gas Transmission Co.	Orlando, Fla.
✓ W. J. Hopgood	Fla. Power & Light Co.	Miami, Fla.
✓ B. A. Kempson, Jr.	Gulf Power Company	Pensacola, Fla.
✓ H. V. Gardner, Jr.	Orlando Utilities Comm.	Orlando, Fla.
✓ R. A. Wagoner	Fla. Power & Light Co.	West Palm Beach, Fla.
✓ C. W. Goff	Dept. of Transportation	Tallahassee, Fla.

The minutes of the February 1975 meeting were read by the Secretary. There being no amendments, corrections or deletions, they were adopted as recorded.

#### OLD BUSINESS

The Chairman then called on Paul Mundy, as Chairman of the Plant Protection Sub-Committee, for a report on items being studied by his committee. Mr. Mundy reported as to the "one number call program" no additional progress had been made. He stated that interest was increasing; however, the greatest problem was funding for the program. He commented that in order to keep it alive, the members had to sell it to all the utilities who, in the long run, would be the benefactors of this program.

Mr. Mundy next gave his sub-committee report on "Plant Facilities" relative to repeater cabinets and other facilities occupying the Department of Transportation right-of-way. There was quite a bit of discussion by all members (garbled on tape). Paul then presented the sub-committee's recommendations which are as follows:

1. Utility requirements will not be broken down by individual utilities.
2. All new above ground appurtenances will be placed in accordance with the Florida Utility Accommodation Guide.
3. Volume size of a single structure shall be

limited to 80 cubic feet. Any request for an installation exceeding 80 cubic feet will be submitted to the Central office, in accordance with the Accommodation Guide.

4. The number of appearances of above ground appurtenances on Department of Transportation right-of-way will be limited to minimum basic requirements and will be consistent with sound engineering principles, economics and technical designs.

A motion was made to adopt these recommendations as was read. There being no further discussion after the motion, it was seconded, voted on and was passed with no opposition.

There being no further Old Business, the meeting was adjourned for a coffee break.

Chairman Gardner then introduced the guest speaker, Mr. Claud W. Goff, Safety Officer for the Department of Transportation, State of Florida. Prior to being employed by the State of Florida, Mr. Goff was a member of the United States Air Force for 22 years, and his duties were mostly connected with safety. He has held his present position with the State of Florida for six years. He attended the University of California. In the capacity of his duties, his office is responsible for development and evaluation of traffic control devices and standards, safe practices training and evaluations.

Mr. Goff began by stressing that the old practices of traffic safety control were no longer acceptable on Florida highways. Mr. Goff stated that since the inception of this program, his office had trained 800 instructors to present this program throughout the State, and to date they have graduated 8,000 persons from the course. The Manual for Traffic Control became effective in 1972. Mr. Goff passed out the latest brochure on traffic control and safe practices. After the manual became effective in 1972, it was discovered that there was considerable non-compliance. Mr. Goff was directed to investigate this, and he found that the manual was extremely complicated and hard to understand by many individuals. They are presently re-writing the manual to simplify it. After going into the field and discovering what the problems were, they developed a training program to train as many of the people as possible who utilized roads and rights-of-way for utility construction and maintenance. This also included Department of Transportation personnel. The target date of December 31, 1974 was selected as the date when training would be complete.

Mr. Goff next presented a slide program. He stated that by use of picture slides, along with the oral presentation, it was found to

be most beneficial in training and familiarizing personnel with the program.

Emphasis was placed on the correct use of barricades, signals, and use of flagmen at the proper time and place, in order to control traffic where highway obstructions occurred.

Exhibit 3 of the brochure is a standard construct agreement which contractors execute and agree to operate in a safe and proper manner to control traffic while work is being performed on the highway or right-of-way.

Exhibit 4 is an amendment to the statutes extending effective date for full compliance with the law.

Exhibit 5 is a copy of the existing utility permit used by all utilities, with emphasis on Item 15 of the permit, relative to compliance with the Manual on Traffic Controls and Safe Practices.

Exhibit 6 is a report of contract violations issued to contractors or others performing the work. It specifies violation and length of time given to permittee in order to take corrective action on the violation.

Exhibit 7 is a violation form issued to personnel in the field. If an organization receives three (3) of these violations, the Department of Transportation officials will then contact management of the organization who is in violation, in order to discuss the matter.

Exhibit 8 is an organizational chart showing the role of the safety staff in the central office, and includes on the level of the district offices.

Exhibit 9 is an organizational chart of the Department of Transportation central office in Tallahassee, and on the district level as applied to safety operations.

Mr. Goff next gave a slide presentation on proper and improper methods of the placing and positioning of barricades, signs and flagmen for traffic control on the highways. He explained the meaning of the symbols on the signs and barricades. He also discussed the color standards in use, and what will be used in the future.

Unfortunately, since the remainder of Mr. Goff's presentation was garbled on the tape, this concluded this portion of the program.

## NEW BUSINESS

The Chairman called on Ken Brown, Chairman of the Standing Committee, to give his report on the proposed recommendation for changes to the "Manual of Uniform Minimum Standards for Design, Construction and Maintenance for Streets and Highways" in the State of Florida. NOTE: Commencing at this point in the tape, it became garbled again. Ken discussed items 1 through 25 of the proposed re-wording of certain portions of the manual and the reasons for these changes.

(TAPE NOW OK) A motion was made to accept the proposed changes and it was then open to the floor for discussion by the members. Item 25 was discussed relative to deletions and changes to a portion of the proposed change. A motion was made and seconded to delete the following in Item 25, "maintenance, utility or other activity that involves encroachment", ALSO to change the word following encroachment from "of" to "on". There was a discussion and a vote taken relative to the change, of the 27 members present, the vote was 16 for, 1 against, and 10 abstained, passed by a majority vote. A second was then made to the original motion to accept the Standing Committee's recommended proposed changes, along with the modification as voted on to Item 25. A vote was taken and was as follows: 19 for and 8 abstain. Motion carried.

Next in the order of business was to appoint a sub-committee. A motion was made that due to the short time period left for resolving this matter, that Ken Brown be nominated as Chairman of the Sub-Committee to continue the work on the "Manual of Uniform Minimum Standards for Design, Construction and Maintenance for Streets and Highways" committee. Ken Brown then requested that the present members of the Standing Committee assist him and any additional persons who so desire could also volunteer to serve on the committee. This motion was seconded. It passed by a majority of voice votes. The Chairman is to write a letter to Mr. D. F. Turnbull, relative to this matter (copy attached).

The next order of business (garbled on recorder) was relative to a letter forwarded to the Chairman by "Pop" Edwards concerning waterway crossing permits and the processing thereof. The Chairman requested the members if they desired him to appoint a sub-committee to investigate this matter. It was suggested to the Chairman that in view of recently approved legislation relative to the reorganization of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund, the Department of Natural Resources, the Department of Pollution Control and the Game

and Freshwater Fish Commission into two State organizations, that we should hold this in abeyance until a future date. A motion was made and seconded to this affect. It passed by voice votes.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



B. A. Kempson, Jr.  
Secretary

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Attachment