

MINUTES OF MEETING OF FLORIDA UTILITIES  
CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, HELD AT TALLA-  
HASSEE, FLA., AUGUST 11, 1939

Representatives Present:

R.W. Shriner, Peninsular Telephone Co. Tampa, Fla.  
E.W. Parrish, Florida Public Service Co. Orlando, Fla.  
J. N. MacFeeley, Southern Bell T. & T. Co. Jacksonville, Fla.  
W. F. Girtman, Florida Telephone Corp., Leesburg, Florida.  
B. E. Wilkerson, S.A.L. Ry., Jacksonville, Fla.  
S. D. Newsome, Riverside Telephone Co. Bluntstown, Fla.  
C. B. McCartney, Florida Power Corp., St. Petersburg, Fla.  
R.M. Temple, City of Tallahassee, Tallahassee, Florida.  
E.M. Menéndez, Southeastern Telephone Co. Tallahassee, Fla.  
A.R. Swanson, American T. & T. Co., Jacksonville, Fla.

Representatives Absent:

W.A. Coppage, Postal Telegraph Co. Atlanta, Ga.  
J. K. Galloway, Winter Park Telephone Co. Winter Park, Fla.  
Stanley Warth, Southern Bell T. & T. Co. Jacksonville, Fla.  
E. L. Cox, Gulf Telephone Co., Perry, Florida.  
J. H. Dowling, State Road Department, Tallahassee, Fla.  
Walkert Linhart, Fla. Railroad Commission, Tallahassee, Fla.  
E. L. Pulley, Gulf Power Co., Pensacola, Florida.  
H. V. Street, Fla. Power & Light Co. Miami, Fla.  
L. S. Terrell, Western Union Telegraph Co. Atlanta, Ga.  
K. H. Williams, Inter Co. Telephone Co., Ft. Myers, Fla.  
Wayne Warfield, Tampa Electric Co., Tampa, Fla.  
A. P. Michaels, P.O. Box 794, Orlando, Fla.  
E. P. McLean, McLean Engineering Co. Moultrie, Ga.  
J. B. McCrary, McCrary Engineering Co., Atlanta, Ga.  
A. W. Knight, Atty. for Clay County REA, Barnett Bldg. Jax, Fla.  
H. B. Howell, Atty. for Sumter County REA, Bushnell, Florida.

Visitors Present:

W. H. Johnson, Florida Power & Light Co. Lake City, Fla.  
W. M. Bostwick, Florida Power & Light Co. Daytona Beach, Fla.  
A. B. Greene, Florida Railroad Commission, Tallahassee, Fla.

The meeting, held at the Floridan Hotel, Tallahassee, August 11, 1939, was opened by Chairman R. W. Shriner, at 9:30 a.m. Visitors were introduced and welcomed, the minutes of May 12, 1939 meeting were read and approved.

The Secretary was instructed to continue inviting R.E.A. engineers to our meetings. Mr. A. B. Greene, of the Florida Railroad Commission, talked at some length on the rules and regulations covering wire crossings at railroad crossings, covering the different changes that might be made in the specifications after the new safety rules by the National Safety Code are released. It was thought that after these rules are released better co-ordination of our specifications can be brought about.

Mr. Greene read a paper on changes in the National Safety Code that covered considerable territory and contained much information on the subject; copies of this paper are to be gotten by Mr. Greene for members of this committee for their study before the committee meets to discuss the Florida rules changes.

Mr. Wilkerson discussed cables under railroad tracks and stated his Company required 36" depth under roadbed. Mr. McFeeley stated the Southern Bell T. & T. goes to 40" below roadbed.

Mr. Wilkerson advocates short span construction at railroad crossings and stated that the longer spans could be eliminated to a great extent if rental charges for poles and for guys on railroad property at crossings were eliminated so wire users could more economically go to shorter spans. This suggestion had the approval of the committee.

Discussion on vertical versus horizontal construction at railroad crossings brought out the thought that from the wire users point of view the vertical would be more satisfactory where the line on either side was vertical; where it is necessary to go horizontal over railroad crossings the changes in configuration impose more than ordinary strain on arms and poles.

Members of the committee to meet with Railroad Commission on rules and specification changes in the Florida Code will be selected by the Managements of the different companies interested rather than by this Committee.

Mr. Shriner discussed the necessity for more consideration being given high voltage signal systems and their co-ordination with low voltage systems.

The problem of joint use of poles was discussed and after several past experiences that worked out to the benefit of the joint users, it was thought that this problem could be better worked out at present by the companies directly involved rather than through this committee.

Mr. McFeeley brought out a very interesting point on easements. He stated that all Southern Bell easements carry permission for associated companies to use their facilities thereby eliminating the necessity of a joint user getting an easement for their equipment.

Several cases were discussed where lack of the above requirements caused considerable difficulty and serious right-of-way problems.

The new officers elected for the next year are, E. W. Parrish, Chairman, H. V. Street, Vice Chairman, Stanley Warth, Secretary. The new officers will take office at the next regular meeting, to be held in Ocala, at the Marion Hotel, on November 10, or 17, 1939, to be announced later by the Secretary.

The enclosed copy of letters from Mr. W. E. Dildine and Miss Helen T. Moss is for your information. Mr. A. B. Green was given a note of thanks and appreciation for his paper and discussion on Rules and Specifications on Railroad Crossing Requirements.

E. W. Parrish  
Secretary -