

MINUTES OF MEETING  
FLORIDA UTILITIES COORDINATING COMMITTEE  
ORANGE COURT HOTEL, ORLANDO, FLORIDA  
NOVEMBER 14, 1952

The regular quarterly meeting of the Florida Utilities Coordinating Committee was called to order by Chairman G. L. Kenny, Jr. Introduction of members present followed and those attending were:

L. G. Zelenka	American Tel. & Tel. Co.	Jacksonville, Fla.
W. E. Cozzen	American Tel. & Tel. Co.	Jacksonville, Fla.
A. M. Brown	Peninsular Telephone Co.	Tampa, Fla.
Stanley Warth	Southern Bell Tel. & Tel. Co.	Jacksonville, Fla.
H. T. Welch, Jr.	Lee County Electric Coop.	Ft. Myers, Fla.
T. J. Rudd	Southern Bell Tel. & Tel. Co.	Orlando, Fla.
B. E. Wilkerson	S.A.L. R.R. Co. (Retired)	Fruitland Pk., Fla.
P. H. Wright	A.C.L. R.R. Company	Savannah, Ga.
E. A. McKee, Sr.	Southeastern Telephone Co.	Tallahassee, Fla.
Robert Mayhew	Southeastern Telephone Co.	Tallahassee, Fla.
J. R. Henderson	Winter Park Telephone Co.	Winter Park, Fla.
Al. Galloway	Winter Park Telephone Co.	Winter Park, Fla.
W. J. Fowler	City Electric Dept.	Jacksonville, Fla.
Joe Cox	City Electric Dept.	Jacksonville, Fla.
K. M. Allison	Lee County Electric Coop.	Fort Myers, Fla.
J. E. Fox	State Road Department	DeLand, Fla.
W. E. Drenning	State Road Department	Lake City, Fla.
J. M. Rogers	Fla. RR & PU Commission	Marianna, Fla.
Wilkens Linhart	Fla. RR & PU Commission	Fruitland Pk., Fla.
Jack Summitt	Fla. RR & PU Commission	Tallahassee, Fla.
P. F. Koerber	Jacksonville Utilities	Jacksonville, Fla.

G. L. Kenny, Jr.	Florida Power Corporation	St. Petersburg, Fla.
L. H. Finney	Unassigned	Ocala, Florida
T. C. Luster	State Road Department	DeLand, Florida

OLD BUSINESS

The minutes of the previous meeting, which was held at the Keystone Heights, Inn, Keystone Heights, Florida, on August 7, 1952, were read and approved.

COMMITTEE ON TERRITORIAL MAPS

It was reported that all information is assembled and it will not be too long until it will be distributed.

SUGGESTION BY SECRETARY

The Secretary suggested that, in replying to any and all correspondence, refer to the letter or document about which correspondence is being conducted. This will be most helpful to the Secretary.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO CONSTRUCT

The notices of Intent to Construct, which were received by the Secretary since the last meeting, were read in the abbreviated form.

NEW BUSINESS

A splendid letter was read from the Winter Park Telephone Company addressed to the State Road Department thanking them for their cooperation in providing advance information of the plans of the State Road Department. This information was most helpful in planning for and constructing facilities in advance of the actual building of the highway. This is a fine demonstration of the work accomplished by close cooperation of the State Road Department and utilities operating along the highways.

Mr. Louis G. Zelenka of the American Tel. & Tel. Company of Jacksonville, Florida, presented a question about the location of signs along the highways. In Monroe County there are places where the right of way extends

as much as 300 feet. This caused some very serious problems by the placing of signs under the lines of A.T.&T. Company, in view of the fact that special permits were granted by the State Road Department for the placing of signs 50' from the centerline of the highway. As soon as this was discovered, the property owners were contacted and the difficulty was corrected.

In view of the fact this has applied only in Monroe County it may not be a problem anywhere else. However, it is well to keep this situation in mind.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT

Secretary Lawrence H. Finney announced that it would be necessary for him to be excused from the position of Secretary of the Florida Utilities Coordinating Committee. This required the selection of a new secretary. After due consideration, Mr. K. H. Williams, Plant Superintendent of Inter County Tel. & Tel. Company, Fort Myers, Florida, was selected as Secretary to replace Mr. Finney.

Mr. Louis G. Zelenka, A.T.&T. Company, passed out some unique paper weights which consisted of a section of coaxial cable. Many thanks to Mr. Zelenka.

#### QUESTIONS

Mr. Homer Welch, Jr., of the Lee County Coop., Fort Myers, asked about right of way where poles could be located due to bad construction conditions along the highway due to a canal on the side of the highway. Each of these situations is a separate item, and will of necessity require each to be handled with special consideration surrounding the exact location.

Another question asked was, can anything be done about bad plant conditions involving telephone and power lines which are not constructed according to standard construction specifications?

It was brought out in the discussion that a condition of this kind is very dangerous and that every effort should be put forth to get this kind of a condition cleared, if for no other reason than the liability side of such a condition. The users of the service are in danger and the utilities are faced with the possibility of damage suit and the loss caused by such suit to say nothing about the public relations phase of conditions of this nature. It would seem all parties to a condition of this kind should be advised of the serious liability of each and every such condition corrected as soon as possible.

#### HIGHLIGHT OF THE MEETING

Mr. Stanley Warth, Division Transmission and Protection Engineer of the Southern Bell Tel. & Tel. Company, gave a most interesting discussion on the transmission considerations of the Nationwide Toll Dialing Program.

The subject was very well presented and caused much comment by those present. It is too bad, indeed, that many more were not able to have heard this fine presentation. Had they done so, they would see a little of the problems that must be worked out and the item after item which must be considered so that, in the end, a person in the United States and Canada could, by dialing the proper numbers, talk without the assistance of anyone other than the equipment set up to do their bidding. Nationwide Toll Dialing is an answer, or at least part of the answer, to the dream of the founders of the telephone systems in the United States. That dream - that anyone, anywhere be able to talk with anyone else. Through the cooperation of the different telephone systems this is fast arriving. Thank you, Stanley, for the fine presentation.

#### IMPORTANCE OF ATTENDING MEETINGS

When you attend the meetings of this committee, it makes it possible to meet those persons with whom you must work in doing the many things that come up in the operation of your respective lines of endeavor.

When you have met the person with whom your line of work brings you in contact, a large part of the undertaking is already cleared.

Meeting and knowing the other person is something on which it is not possible to place a value. Each knowing that the other is ready and willing to do his part smooths out many of the spots that could be difficult.

As I stated to you in a meeting sometime ago, the State of Florida is indeed fortunate to have men with vision, to bring about the formation of this committee. The good this committee has done for the respective members of it can never in any way be estimated.

THANKS FOR THE ARRANGEMENTS

Many thanks to you, Al Galloway, for making the arrangements at the Orange Court Hotel for this meeting.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held in Fort Myers, Florida.

Date: February 13, 1953.

Place: (that is, the building) will be announced later.

The Lee County Cooperative will be your host.

On to Fort Myers.

*Lawrence H. Finney*  
Lawrence H. Finney  
Ex-Secretary

Your new Secretary: K. H. Williams, Plant Supt.  
Inter-County Tel. & Tel. Company  
Fort Myers, Florida