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FLORIDA UTILITIES Coordinating Committee

November 1, 1974

Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge
Orlando, Florida

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

<u>NAME</u>	<u>FIRM</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
✓ H. V. Gardner, Jr.	Orlando Utilities Comm.	Orlando, Fla.
✓ W. J. Hopgood	Fla. Power & Light Co.	Miami, Fla.
✓ R. B. Sensabaugh	Dept. of Transportation	Tallahassee, Fla.
✓ Pop Edwards ✓	A. T. & T. Co.	West Palm Beach, Fla.
Audrey Sulewski	Underground Contractors Assoc. of South Fla.	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.
✓ Jimmy D. Harp	Florida Gas Company	Winter Park, Fla.
✓ Ed M. Williams	Southern Bell	Miami, Fla.
✓ Paul Mundy ✓	Gen. Tele. Co. of Fla.	Tampa, Fla.
✓ Bud Vierday ✓	Florida Power Corp.	St. Petersburg, Fla.
✓ L. J. Feeley	Florida Power Corp.	St. Petersburg, Fla.
Robert Anderson	Fla. Telephone	Winter Garden, Fla.
✓ David Mathews, Jr. ✓	Sumter Electric Coop. Inc.	Sumterville, Fla.
✓ Jim Kellermann	Sumter Electric Coop. Inc.	Sumterville, Fla.
✓ Roswell Sherling	Lee Co. Electric Coop.	Ft. Myers, Fla.
✓ C. J. Blanton	Dept. of Transportation	Tallahassee, Fla.
✓ W. V. Montford	Dept. of Transportation	Tallahassee, Fla.
✓ J. M. Haynie	Dept. of Transportation	Deland, Fla.
✓ R. W. Afeld	Gen. Tele. Co.	St. Petersburg, Fla.
✓ E. S. Boggs	Grinu Engineering	Tampa, Fla.
✓ Lamar H. Hargrove	Dept. of Transportation	Tallahassee, Fla.
✓ L. A. Kunze	Orlando Utilities Comm.	Orlando, Fla.
✓ R. C. Zell	Orlando Utilities Comm.	Orlando, Fla.
✓ M. E. Garlotte	Orlando Utilities Comm.	Orlando, Fla.
✓ C. A. Russell	Orlando Utilities Comm.	Orlando, Fla.
✓ J. E. Upchurch	Orlando Utilities Comm.	Orlando, Fla.
✓ John Clark	United Utilities <i>Jul</i>	Avon Park, Fla.
✓ E. M. Loyless	Tampa Electric	Tampa, Fla.
✓ K. L. Brown	Tampa Electric	Tampa, Fla.

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A. W. Landers	Dept. of Transportation	Ft. Myers, Fla.
W. L. Anderson	Dept. of Transportation	Bartow, Fla.
A. E. Zimmerman	Dept. of Transportation	St. Petersburg, Fla.
D. F. Johnson ✓	Gen. Tele. Co.	Tampa, Fla.
B. A. Kempson, Jr.	Gulf Power Company	Pensacola, Fla.
W. J. Dickens	Fla. Power & Light Co.	Daytona Beach, Fla.
W. L. Duncan, Jr.	Fla. Power & Light Co.	Daytona Beach, Fla.
Don Brant ✓	City of Orlando	Orlando, Fla.

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The November 1974 meeting was called to order at 9 AM by the Chairman, Vic Gardner. There were self introductions of all persons present. Minutes of the August meeting were read by the Secretary, "Kemp" Kempson. The Chairman requested 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

Chairman Gardner then called for a report from the Chairman of the Standing Committee. Ken Brown, Chairman of this sub-committee, passed around copies of the new Florida Utilities Coordinating Committee letterhead which the committee was recommending for adoption. Ken discussed the recommendation, as had been made at the previous meeting, with regards to the reduction to three meetings annually and the reason the sub-committee did not recommend this reduction. He read Section 6 of the By-Laws relative to meeting dates as it now reads. He then read the change to Section 6 which the committee was recommending for adoption. He stated that this revision would give the chairman more latitude to set the date for meetings should the Florida Utilities Coordinating Committee decide and the American Right of Way Association agreed to joint meetings in the future. Ken stated that, informally, the committee had discussed the future possibility of registered meetings rather than our present system of sponsored meetings. This may be necessary due to the present economic conditions which are necessitating the austerity programs under which most companies are presently operating. A motion was made and seconded to adopt the revision to Section 6 of the By-Laws as was recommended; also, the adoption of the new Florida Utilities Coordinating Committee letterhead.

The chairman then opened the floor for discussion of this revision. The manner and times that the Florida Utilities Coordinating Committee could have joint meetings with the American Right of Way Association was thoroughly discussed.

The Chairman emphasized that the adoption of this change did not commit the Florida Utilities Coordinating Committee to any particular meeting time; however, it would give the chair the flexibility to coordinate and work with the American Right of Way Association for these joint meetings. There were many suggestions and comments relative to the adoption of this revision. A vote was taken on both motions and they passed by a vote of 23 for and 2 opposed (copy of Revision attached).

Chairman Gardner next called on the Plant Protection Sub-Committee Chairman, Paul Mundy. The ONE NUMBER CALL PROGRAM is presently stalemated due to the economic situation which all utility companies are presently faced with; however, interest in it is still high and he expects it to be revived sometime after January of 1975.

Chairman Gardner introduced the guest speaker, Dan F. Farley, Director, Land Management Division of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund, State of Florida. Mr. Farley, who was recently appointed to this position, stated that the Trustees agency is being reorganized and the position which he holds did not previously exist. He stated prior to the reorganization, his particular division consisted of quite a few smaller elements which were scattered throughout the Trustees organization. One of Mr. Farley's plans in reorganizing is to shorten the time element in obtaining a permit. He stated they are revising the administrative rules and are simplifying permit application forms in order to expedite processing them. In the future, exemption type permits will not have to be approved by the Governors Board, but can be issued by the representative of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund in the field. Eventually, they plan to have ten of these field or area offices located throughout the State.

Mr. Farley said that he is instituting a computerized program to process all applications and the permittee should receive an answer that his application was being processed within a few days after it is received by his department. Computerizing applications in this manner will prevent loss or misplacement of them as has occurred in the past. This computerization program will also enable the applicant to receive a report every 20-30 days as to the status of his application. These status reports will enable the applicant to determine which agency may be holding up his application, thus giving the applicant the opportunity to contact that agency in an attempt to resolve problems which may be causing the delay. As everyone knows, the Trustees are the clearing house for other agencies that are involved in the issuance of a permit (Department of Natural Resources, Department of Pollution Control, Game and Freshwater Fish Commission); consequently, before the permit is presented to the Governor's Board, these departments either approve them, disapprove them, or request additional information from the applicant. The Land Management's new program will give these State agencies a deadline date for return to the Trustees of their comments or approval. On an involved application, or where problems may be encountered, the applicant will be afforded the opportunity to attend an environmental conference held by all these State agencies in order

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that he may discuss with them these problems. This will give the agencies and the applicant the opportunity to listen to each other's problems and views, and hopefully, provide them the information to arrive at an equitable solution.

At this time, Mr. Farley opened the floor for questions and comments relative to his presentation. He stated that he wanted to cooperate with all applicants and invited any suggestions which would improve his division. One of the problems which had been previously encountered was failure of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund to notify the Corps after applicant's receipt of permits from the State. This, of course, delayed receipt of the Corps permits. Another question was, "why can't submerged cables be an exempt permit". Mr. Farley stated that this was one of the things he was attempting to get into the exempt category, that is if no dredging is performed for cable placement and the applicant does not ask for a perpetual easement for the cable. Some individuals think current dollar values for cost of dredging should be ^{increased} ~~reduced~~ due to current economic conditions. Mr. Farley stated that he was well aware of the inconsistencies in dollar values which had existed in the past in granting of permits in or over some bodies of water, and that this was one of the things he wanted to eliminate in the new administrative procedures. There were many more comments and suggestions relative to the problems as have been previously mentioned. Mr. Farley concluded his presentation by requesting that anyone who had any suggestions they desired to be considered, which could possibly be incorporated in the new administrative procedures, he would appreciate them sending them to him in Tallahassee.

At this time, "Pop" Edwards introduced Ms. Audrey Sulewski, representing the National Underground Contractors Association of South Florida. Chairman Gardner invited Ms. Sulewski to address a few words to the Committee. Ms. Sulewski stated that her association is attempting to get all the underground contractors in Florida to join their organization. She stated the organization wanted to prevent the cutting of underground utility lines and their desire to work with all utilities to prevent this. She invited cooperation of all utilities to prevent these underground cuttings and would appreciate hearing from them relative to any problems of this nature. She also invited the utilities to spread the word to other underground contractors throughout the State so that eventually they may have a cohesive organization which could reduce or possibly eliminate these problems that have occurred in the past.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Gardner then called on Paul Mundy. Paul stated that his company and in all probability other utilities in Florida were confronted with a problem of size and spacing of repeater cabinets on Department of Transportation rights-of-way. Present specifications

state that no cabinet size will exceed 6 - 8 cubic feet and a minimum spacing of three mile intervals. It has been difficult to operate under these conditions and in the past some concessions have been granted as to these restrictions. Recently, it came up again and the Department of Transportation in Tallahassee has promulgated a letter to all District Engineers citing the new regulations required for size and location of repeater cabinets. Since these regulations were too stringent it was recommended by one Department of Transportation engineer to some individuals that they go to Tallahassee and attempt to resolve this situation. Tallahassee has recommended to them that this situation be presented to the Florida Utilities Coordinating Committee for discussion and recommendations. Paul Mundy then recommended to the chairman that a sub-committee be appointed to investigate and set guidelines for placement and size of repeater cabinets on Department of Transportation rights-of-way. There was some discussion relative to this matter. Chairman Gardner then appointed a ^{sub-}Committee to investigate and arrive at recommendations with regards to this problem. The Committee is as follows:

Paul Mundy (Chairman)	General Telephone
Ken Brown	Tampa Electric Co.
Norton Brockman	Southern Bell Tele.
R. L. Freeman	Dept. of Transportation
William Dickens	Fla. Power & Light Co.

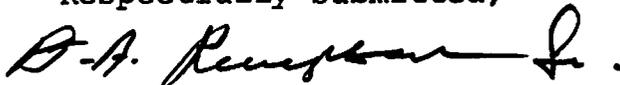
Chairman Gardner read a letter from Mr. Jay W. Brown, Directors of Road Operations of the State of Florida, relative to complaints from the public and others concerning violations of that section of the UTILITY ACCOMMODATION GUIDE pertaining to damage of trees and shrubs along the highways. This letter was made a part of the minutes (copy attached), and the chairman requested that all members bring these violations to the attention of their respective companies and emphasize to them the necessity for strict compliance thereof.

Chairman Gardner mentioned he had received a Notice of Revision #32 of the Florida Manual of Traffic Control and Safe Practices relative to the reflective color change (orange) of the barricades. He stated that if anyone had not received this change, it could be obtained from the Department of Transportation office in Tallahassee.

The Chairman requested suggestions from the committee members as to what they would like to have, see or presented on the program at these meetings, and if anyone had any suggestions please send them to him.

He then thanked Jim Harp and his company, Florida Gas Distribution, for sponsoring today's meeting and the luncheon. He stated that we needed a sponsor for the meeting in February, 1975 and would appreciate any volunteers. There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was entertained, seconded, and was carried. Meeting adjourned for lunch.

Respectfully submitted,



B. A. Kempson, Jr.
Secretary

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Attachments