

The Florida Power Corporation stated that their load at St. Petersburg, Florida had increased to an extent that they desire to cut over to 4KV grounded neutral system. It was expected that no interference should be expected, provided adequate grounding is made.

Here grounding experience was discussed quite generally with the following conclusions:

- (a) Ground wires should be on quarter of pole, away from telephone cable and telephone fixtures on joint construction, on account of power follow up arc.
- (b) Individual grounds should be under 25 ohms, Florida Power & Light Co's representative stating their system being practically zero ohms.
- (c) Special effort should be given low resistance grounding of last span of laterals or these should be tied into other laterals.

Joint use of pole lines was again discussed. Florida Power & Light Co. having state wide joint use contract with Southern Bell Tel & Tel Co, also a simplified contract with Western Union and Postal Telegraph Co's. The rental rates being a flat rate with Western Union and Postal, and a sliding scale with the Southern Bell Tel. & Tel. Co., being upward as difference in owned poles increases. They now use EMI joint specifications in lieu of old AT&T specifications, which are simpler to follow. These specifications are in pamphlet form #3, and also covers grounding etc. They may be obtained from the Edison Electric Institute, 420 Lexington Avenue, New York, N.Y., at .50 per copy.

Joint construction is best begun when both companies have large maintenance and replacement programs and on extensions. For satisfactory operation it is necessary that both Power and Communication Companies keep in close contact with each other and give each other the fullest cooperation. Also it is desirable that pole ownership be kept as nearly equal as possible.

At Miami each company has 3 members on a group committee which meets monthly to work out joint problems.

The Road Department Representative announced they were making a physical check of all poles on State Highways to determine ownership which is necessary in placing responsibility of maintenance etc.

Liability in connection with charged fences again discussed and it was thought the Power Co. not liable if connection is made beyond meter. Charged fences are not approved by Underwriters, as is known.

Nominations were then received for Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Secretary for the coming year. Nominations were made as follows:

R.W. Shriner, Chairman.
Stanley Worth, Vice-Chairman.
E.W. Parrish, Secretary.

There being no other nominations the above were elected to hold office beginning with next meeting. Meeting place to be set by new Chairman and Secretary. St. Petersburg and Miami both being suggested to approximately Nov. 1 to work in with foot-ball schedule, if possible.

Adjournment at 12:15 to luncheon in Hotel dining-room.

R.W. Shriner
Secretary.