

FLORIDA UTILITIES COORDINATING COMMITTEE MINUTES
 FEBRUARY 5, 1971 PORT OF CALL MOTOR INN
 ST. PETERSBURG, FLA.

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m. by Chairman Bob Corn. Self introductions were made as follows:

✓ K. L. Brown	Tampa Electric Company	Tampa
✓ R. H. Corn	Fla. Gas Transmission	Orlando
✓ Roswell Sherling	Lee Co. Electric Coop.	Ft. Myers
✓ Jack Strickland	United Telephone Co.	Ft. Myers
✓ John F. Clark	United Telephone Co.	Avon Park
✓ C. A. Sissons	United Telephone Co.	Ft. Myers
✓ Merle R. Stephens	Jax. Electric Auth.	Jacksonville
✓ F. S. Dees	DOT	Lake City
✓ Paul Pearson	Fla. Power Corp.	St. Petersburg
✓ Roger H. Agamaite	Fla. Power Corp.	St. Petersburg
✓ John D. Harris	Gulf Power Company	Pensacola
✓ B. A. Kempson, Jr.	Gulf Power Company	Pensacola
✓ T. A. Palmer	Southern Bell Tel.	Jacksonville
✓ A. M. Priestester	Southern Bell Tel.	Miami
✓ J. M. Haynie	DOT	Deland
✓ Jim Kellermann	Sumter Elect. Coop.	Sumterville
✓ F. W. Zander, Jr.	Fla. Power Corp.	St. Petersburg
✓ Albert Welchly	Pinellas Co. Highway Div.	Clearwater
✓ Bob Jenkins	Fla. Power & Light	Cocoa
✓ W. C. Hayes	Fla. Power & Light	Miami
✓ Duff Matson	Fla. Power & Light	Miami
✓ B. B. Godfrey	DOT	Deland
✓ J. M. Hegwood	Peace River Elect. Coop.	Wauchula
✓ E. M. Salley	DOT	Tallahassee
✓ W. L. Anderson	DOT	Bartow
✓ Everett Thompson	DOT	Bartow
✓ T. S. Spangenberg	DOT	Chipley
✓ W. E. Douglas	DOT	Tallahassee
✓ John F. Risher	General Telephone Co.	St. Petersburg
✓ Verne R. Brown	General Telephone Co.	Tampa
✓ Jack M. Gaines	General Telephone Co.	St. Petersburg
✓ W. F. Moss	AT & T Company	Atlanta
✓ Walter C. Holmes	AT & T Company	Orlando
✓ John C. Funk	AT & T Company	Jacksonville
✓ R. D. Bullington	American Tel & Tel	Miami
✓ Carl E. Friedman	General Telephone Co.	Lakeland
✓ Hallie Ostrander	General Telephone Co.	Lakeland
✓ C. L. Stewart	Fla. Gas Trans. Co.	Gainesville
✓ G. L. Mardis	Fla. Gas Trans. Co.	Winter Park
✓ Don Sterba	Fla. Gas Trans. Co.	Ft. Lauderdale
✓ V. B. Nolan	Fla. Power & Light	Miami
✓ W. H. Anderson	Fla. Power & Light	Sarasota
✓ R. N. Willis	Fla. Power & Light	Sarasota
✓ L. D. Housez	J. E. Greiner Co., Inc.	Tampa
✓ D. L. Crowson	Orlando Utilities Comm.	Orlando
✓ W. A. Dixon	Orlando Utilities Comm.	Orlando
✓ Raymond Smith	Palatka Gas Authority	Palatka
✓ Glen Cock	Tampa Electric Company	Tampa

The minutes of the November 6th meeting were read and approved by the committee.

OLD BUSINESS

Chairman Corn read a letter he had written to Mr. E. M. Salley, State Utility Engineer. The letter informed Mr. Salley that the F.U.C.C. had adopted the 4th draft of the proposed joint project agreement with some reservations. (Letter attached).

The Secretary announced that the purge of the mailing list has been completed. The mailing list began with 212 names and now has 139 names. The Secretary commented that there was no intent to eliminate names of active members; therefore, if anyone was left out, please notify him.

Kemp Kempson, Chairman of The Signs Overhanging Right of Ways Sub-Committee, reported that the Sub-Committee had met and agreed on a final recommendation to the Florida Utilities Coordinating Committee.

The recommendation is as follows:

1. All applicants desiring to place signs and canopies overhanging the state road rights-of-way must apply for a permit from the Department of Transportation if these signs are to exceed a height of 14 feet vertically above the rights-of-way.
2. All sign applicants applying for a permit to overhang the state road rights-of-way above 14 feet vertically from the right-of-way will be required to notify, by letter, all overhead utilities which are franchised to operate in the sign placement area. This letter will give these utilities an opportunity to object to the Department of Transportation to any present or future interference by overhanging signs with overhead lines along the state road rights-of-way.
3. All permits for overhanging signs and canopies will be issued and policed by the same department within the Department of Transportation.

A motion was made by Verne Brown and seconded by Kemp Kempson that the F.U.C.C. adopt the Sub-Committee's recommendation. A voice vote was taken and passed by unanimous approval.

Chairman Corn announced that a letter would be written to Mr. Bill Gartner, Deputy for Engineering Operations, D.O.T., notifying him of the F.U.C.C. recommendation.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Corn announced that he had received numerous telephone calls and letters regarding the new Utility Relocation Agreements as are presently being implemented by the D.O.T. for private and public utilities; afterwards calling on Mr. Ernest Salley, State Utility Engineer, to discuss the agreement forms.

Mr. Salley, in a quite lengthy dissertation, explained the history of problems the D.O.T. has had that made separate agreements with both public and private utilities necessary.

Mr. Salley said that the highway department here in Florida is in serious trouble on delays to the highway contractor. It's so serious that the Federal Aide Highway Administrator has withdrawn their participation in cost of calendar extensions on those projects where utility delays have occurred.

Mr. Salley said that the D.O.T. has experienced a growing mound of claims by the highway contractors because of utility delays in construction.

The purpose of the agreement is primarily to promote or force if necessary, advance planning by utilities, both public and private. Mr. Salley elaborated on this by stating that in the past, some utilities have appeared at the preconstruction conferences without even knowing what the project was; that no preplanning had been done and even when the project was ready to go, they had not arranged manpower or had materials on hand to coordinate a relocation with the project.

Mr. Salley stated that the agreement we are referring to is not a new policy but has been in effect for years as a City Utility Relocation Agreement between the City and the D.O.T. The new agreement has the advantage of incorporating an owner operator responsibility to the D.O.T. instead of using the city as a mediator by signing an agreement with the city alone.

Much discussion followed and most utilities represented objected strongly to the wording of individual paragraphs of the agreement form.

A motion was made by John Harris and seconded by Roger Agamaite that a sub-committee be established to study the proposed agreement and that they bring a recommendation back at a later date for approval of the committee. Motion carried.

Chairman Corn selected Verne Brown to chairman the sub-committee and volunteers for the sub-committee were as follows:

Chuck Sissons, United Telephone Co.
Paul Pearson, Florida Power Corp.
Merle Stephens, Jacksonville Electric Authority
Dave Crowson, Orlando Utilities Commission
Roswell Sherling, Lee County Electric Coop.
Andy Palmer, SBT & T
B. A. Kempson, Gulf Power
Ken Brown, TECo
Don Brant, City of Orlando
Bob Corn, Florida Gas Transmission Co.

Verne Brown asked that all members send him their comments regarding the new Utility Relocation Agreement form before February 12th.

Gerry Mardis reported that the rules concerning gas pipelines, as they were adopted in the Accommodations Guide, are now outdated by new Federal Department of Transportation regulations. The new Federal Regulations do not require casing for gas pipelines in limited access areas.

A motion was made by Gerry Martis, seconded by Don Sterba, that the chairman write a memorandum to Mr. Gartner, with copies to Mr. Jay Brown and Mr. Ernest Salley, proposing the Accommodations Guide be changed to conform with the new Federal Regulations without being more stringent. Motion carried.

Mr. Ernest Salley suggested that a copy of the letter also be sent to Mr. Bill Douglas.

Gerry Martis read a memorandum from Mr. Morris E. Monroe, Bureau of Public Roads, Policy Gas Main Encasement. The policy memorandum imposed more stringent regulations than the Federal Department of Transportation's Office of Pipeline Safety.

Since the Federal Register and Bureau of Public Roads Policy differ in the regulations imposed, Gerry Martis offered a motion that the chairman write a letter to Mr. Morris E. Monroe asking the Bureau not to impose stricter regulations than their governing authority. The motion was seconded by Don Sterba and passed by the committee.

Glen Cock outlined the problem he has had justifying a liaison engineer with Tampa Electric Company, and that he couldn't see how any utility could afford not to have a liaison man; if utilities continue to use the rights of ways, they have responsibilities. Those responsibilities, under the law, are to relocate for construction at their own expense and to coordinate the move in such a way that there will be no delays to the construction.

Glen offered a motion that a program of the F.U.C.C. be set up to contact all utilities in Florida outlining these responsibilities and encouraging that they set up their own liaison office and that their liaison man become active in the F.U.C.C. and other liaison functions in the state. Motion seconded by Kemp Kempson and passed by the committee.

Verne Brown offered a motion that a letter be written by the chairman to the Department of Transportation asking that implementation of the Utility Relocation Agreement be delayed, advising them that we are working on it and a sub-committee has been set up for this purpose. Kemp Kempson seconded the motion and it was passed by the committee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Verne Brown showed a section of orange colored PVC conduit that General Telephone Company is now using. Verne said "This is in keeping with the new color codes adopted last year by the F.U.C.C."

There being no further business, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 12:30 p.m. followed by a luncheon hosted by Florida Power Corporation.

Appreciation was expressed by Chairman Corn to Florida Power Corporation for the excellent arrangements made for the meeting and luncheon.

Adjourned.

Respectively submitted,



K. L. Brown
Secretary

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Enclosure