

MINUTES

FLORIDA UTILITIES COORDINATION COMMITTEE  
MEETING OF NOVEMBER 14, 1947

CHEROKEE HOTEL, TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

The meeting was called to order at about 10 A.M., November 14, 1947, Chairman Ernest M. Menendez presiding.

The following were in attendance:

Ray L. Atkinson, Florida Forest & Park Service, Lake City, Florida  
S. H. Burke, American Telephone & Telegraph Co., Jacksonville, Florida  
E. W. Butler, Suwannee Valley Elec. Coop., Live Oak, Florida  
R. S. Davis, Florida Power & Light Co., Sarasota, Florida  
E. M. Menendez, Southeastern Telephone Co., Tallahassee, Florida  
V. R. Parrack, Florida Power Corporation, St. Petersburg, Florida  
P. M. Schuchart, Southeastern Telephone Co., Tallahassee, Florida  
Ralph Smith, REA, Thomasville, Georgia  
Stanley Warth, Southern Bell Tel. & Tel. Co., Jacksonville, Florida  
B. E. Wilkerson, Seaboard Air Line Railroad, Tampa, Florida  
K. H. Williams, Inter-County Tel. & Tel. Co., Fort Myers, Florida  
J. T. Vize, State Road Department, Tallahassee, Florida

The minutes of the previous meeting of August 15, 1947 at the Miami Country Club in Miami were read and approved.

Mr. Vize of the State Road Department discussed the subject of short notice sometimes given by contractors to the pole using companies in the case of highway relocation or widening. He mentioned the possibility of coordination between this committee and the State Road right of way group by which informal notice of generalized projects could provide fairly long-range notice at least by areas.

Messrs. Davis, Ken Williams and Menendez commented on a general turn to the better lately taken in the matter of adequate advance notice of Highway changes.

The question of proper contacts for the State Road Department was next discussed and a letter of August 22 from Mr. E. M. Menendez to Mr. C. J. de Camps in which a list of names for contacts was given was read and discussed.

It was pointed out that the following names should supplement the list given in the August 22 letter:

Florida East Coast Railroad, Mr. C. T. Cargile, St. Augustine, Fla.  
Atlantic Coastline Railroad Company, Mr. J. L. Walker, General  
Superintendent, Jacksonville, Florida  
American Telephone & Telegraph Co., Mr. J. A. Greene, Lynch Building,  
Jacksonville, Florida

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Inter-County Telephone & Telegraph Co., Mr. Ken H. Williams,  
Ft. Myers, Florida  
Florida Forest & Park Service, Box 1200, Tallahassee, Florida  
Rural Electrification Administration, Mr. Ralph Smith,  
Thomasville, Georgia

Mr. Smith supplied a revised list of Cooperative representatives as set out on the attached list.

Mr. Vize suggested that it would help if a map of the territory, with names of individuals to notify shown, could be sent to Mr. de Camps (seven copies). Mr. Parrack said Florida Power Corporation would send such maps and Mr. Davis said Florida Power & Light Company would do likewise.

Mr. Atkinson reported on the subject of radio coordination. He mentioned that the State Forestry Service is interested in 72-76 Megacycle band. He expressed the opinion that there was little need for a standing committee since he believed we could be kept informed through actions of regional committees already in operation. Considerable discussion followed on this point and the Miami resolution was read, indicating an instruction to Mr. Atkinson to form a new committee. Mr. Wilkerson and Mr. Warth thought it was the intent of the previous resolution to leave the formation of a committee to Mr. Atkinson. Mr. Warth proposed a resolution adding "as conditions may warrant" to the resolution referred to previously. This addendum resolution was passed. The revised minutes will now read as follows:

As a result of the discussion a motion made by Stanley Warth was passed to dissolve the sub-committee appointed in Ft. Myers and that Ray Atkinson be appointed Chairman of a new sub-committee with authority to draft members from the Coordinating Committee to serve on this sub-committee as conditions may warrant.

Mr. Warth made a motion that a suitable notice be taken by the Committee of the death of Mr. W. F. Girtman of the Florida Railroad Commission. Accordingly, the attached resolution is made a part of these minutes and a copy of the resolution was mailed to the Girtman family at Leesburg.

Mr. Menendez referred to a sample joint use agreement form recently issued by the REA. A copy of such agreement was exhibited, one for Power Line Carrier Facilities and one for Joint Use of Wood Poles.

Mr. Warth mentioned that a study is now in progress to determine whether a need for joint use between Bell and REA exists and whether any interest in the subject exists at present.

Mr. Ken Williams inquired whether a better system couldn't be worked out for future construction plans between REA and the Inter-County Telephone and Telegraph Company.

Mr. Ken Williams pointed out a case in which Swift and Company built their own line in such a manner as to cause Inter-County Telephone & Telegraph Company interference. He pointed out that if Inter-County had notice of intent, he believed the interference problem could have been averted. This led to a

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discussion of how similar cases involving customer lines could be avoided in the future. It was suggested that if Power suppliers would advise telephone companies of the installation of substations or primary meters where customer lines might originate, future coordination would be simplified.

Mr. Warth pointed out a case of lack of coordination in the vicinity of Orlando or Winter Park in which a distribution line was changed from delta to wye. Mr. Parrack advised that proper notice had been given between the Division Engineer and the local telephone people in the case of the Plymouth 8 KV conversion - the only such change recently made by Florida Power Corporation in the area. Mr. Ken Williams reported that proper notice had been given him in the case of the Sebring conversion.

Mr. Burke showed a sample of the new cable being installed between Jacksonville and Miami. It contains eight coaxial cables and a number of program conductors and is installed in clay conduit through towns and plowed directly in the ground across country.

Mr. Atkinson pointed out he had noticed a number of service drops laying on telephone lines after construction and made a plea for closer inspection of rural construction before energizing.

Mr. Burke pointed out that he had been advised of a number of similar cases of inadequate service drop clearances over telephone lines by rural lines.

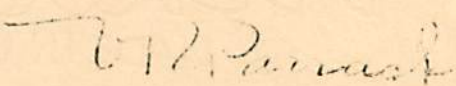
Mr. Ken Williams stated there were a number of cases of existing inadequate clearances on his system. Mr. Parrack asked for a list of such cases and Mr. Williams advised that he would work them out with the Division Engineer.

#### NEXT MEETING

It was pointed out that it had been agreed at the Miami Meeting that the next meeting would be in Tampa at Mr. Darlington's invitation. It was reported that Mr. Darlington was unable to attend this Tallahassee Meeting because of a bay cable crossing job.

The meeting adjourned at about 1:00 P.M. after which the members were the guests of the Southeastern Telephone Company at an enjoyable luncheon at the Cherokee Hotel.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED, this  
1st day of December, 1947.

  
V. R. PARRACK, Secretary )  
Florida Utilities  
Coordinating Committee

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Attachments

ELECTRIC COOPS

J. C. Beauchamp	Central Florida Electric Coop., Inc.	Chiefland, Fla.
L. Weaver	Talquin Electric Coop., Inc.	Quincy, Fla.
E. W. Butler	Suwannee Valley Electric Coop.	Live Oak, Fla.
Lloyd Brinks	Escambia County Coop.	Jay, Fla.
Lloyd Hitt	REA	Madison, Fla.
W. B. Irby, Jr.	Glades Elec. Coop., Inc.	Moore Haven, Fla.
Ivan Tillyou	Peace River Valley Elec. Coop.	Wauchula, Fla.
J. A. Loudon	Clay County Coop.	Keystone Hgts., Fla.
H. L. Martin	Fla. Keys Elec. Coop., Inc.	Tavernier, Fla.
Ed Cone	Gulf Coast Elec. Coop., Inc.	Panama City, Fla.
Erle McGough	Withlacoochee River Elec. Coop., Inc.	Dade City, Fla.
Claude H. Smith	West Florida Elec. Coop.	Graceville, Fla.
J. Pentecost	Choctahatchee Elec. Coop.	DeFuniak Springs, Fla.
Ralph Smith	REA, Field Engineer	Thomasville, Ga.
J. G. Sparkman	Sunter Elec. Coop., Inc.	Sunterville, Fla.
Homer Welch	Lee Co. Elec. Coop., Inc.	Ft. Myers, Fla.