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FLORIDA UTILITIES COORDINATING COMMITTEE
MEETING OF FEBRUARY 6, 1948
TAMPA TERRACE HOTEL, TAMPA, FLORIDA

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The meeting was called to order at about 10 A. M., Friday, February 6, 1948, Vice-Chairman B. A. Galloway presiding in the absence of Chairman Ernest M. Menendez.

The following were in attendance:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AFFILIATION</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
James R. Brice	Tampa Electric Company	Tampa
Arthur M. Brown, Jr.	Florida Telephone Corporation	Ocala
B. N. Darlington	Peninsular Telephone Company	Tampa
R. S. Davis	Florida Power & Light Company	Sarasota
M. L. Donaldson	Peninsular Telephone Company	Tampa
B. A. Galloway	Winter Park Telephone Company	Winter Park
J. F. Hosea	Inter-County Tel & Tel Company	Ft. Myers
Paul C. Ley	Florida Telephone Corporation	Ocala
Wilkins Linhart	Florida Telephone Corporation	Ocala
V. R. Parrack	Florida Power Corporation	St. Petersburg
R. W. Shriner	Peninsular Telephone Company	Tampa
Ralph Smith	R E A	Thomasville, Ga.
Ivan Tilyou	Pc. Riv. Valley Elec. Mbshp Coop	Wauchula
Wayne Warfield	Tampa Electric Company	Tampa
Stanley Warth	So. Bell Tel & Tel Company	Jacksonville
B. E. Wilkerson	Seaboard Air Line Railroad	Tampa
K. H. Williams	Inter-County Tel & Tel Co.	Ft. Myers

The minutes of the previous meeting of November 11, 1947 at the Cherokee Hotel in Tallahassee, were read and approved subject to the following three paragraphs.

1. Mr. Warth requested that the reference to joint use between Bell and REA be worded as follows instead of as in the last minutes. "A study is not being made and an interest does in fact exist in rural joint use." Rather than a study, the proposed REA Rural Joint Use Agreements are being negotiated between the individual REA Coops and the local telephone operating companies."

2. The name of Mr. B. A. Galloway was inadvertently omitted from the minutes in the attendance list at the Tallahassee Meeting and proper correction is hereby noted since he was very definitely present.

3. The name of Mr. J. T. Bize, of the State Road Department, was referred to several times with incorrect spelling and correction is hereby noted.

Mr. Parrack referred to a telephone complaint by Mr. Wilkerson of interference on the Seaboard's telephone service (Florida Telephone Corporation) between Bushnell and Center Hill, and advised that no subsequent complaint had been registered by the telephone company. Mr. Wilkerson advised that the

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trouble had disappeared. Mr. Ley referred to telephone trouble which appeared to come from FPC transmission lines between Inverness and Crystal River but which upon sectionalizing tests to spot the cause, was gone. Mr. Ley expressed satisfaction with the cooperation extended by FPC in testing for the trouble and wondered when the trouble would show up again.

Mr. Williams referred to trouble on his telephone circuits caused by FPC transmission line in the vicinity of Swift's Mine near Ft. Meade. Mr. Parrack suggested he contact Mr. Gray of FPC in Lake Wales and see what can be worked out about it.

Mr. Parrack then read extracts from the copies of notices of intent to construct lines, received since the last meeting. He requested that each such notice contain a concise descriptive subject so that by merely reading such subjects and stating from whom and to whom addressed, any one hearing this read could tell whether they had further interest in the notice. This would obviate the need for reading the whole notice and thus conserve time on this part of the meeting.

Mr. Parrack read a copy of a letter addressed to Mr. Warth by Mr. Grimm in which the present plans of the Florida Power Corporation on transmission lines were outlined. Mr. Galloway asked for location details on items (2) and (3) which Mr. Parrack agreed to have furnished. Mr. Darlington inquired about plans around Tarpon Springs and Curlew which Mr. Parrack discussed. Mr. Warfield advised that the Tampa Electric Company was making certain corresponding changes in its system on which he would furnish a similar report.

Mr. Wilkerson described a cable his company was laying between Valreka and Wildwood which was to be laid 42 inches below the surface and $5\frac{1}{2}$ feet from the track center. Upon inquiry as to lightning protection, Mr. Wilkerson advised there was no ground shield wire. Mr. Warth referred to several underground cable failures within his experience resulting from lightning and referred to low ground resistivity found in Florida as being very favorable to underground cable from a lightning standpoint. Mr. Darlington referred to the good lightning record of their Tampa-St. Petersburg cable which has been in service eight years with only one lightning failure and that at an Australian pine tree on the causeway.

Mr. Galloway referred to the Tallahassee minutes regarding advising the State Road Department with maps showing territory covered and names of individuals to contact. Mr. Parrack exhibited a copy of his system map, colored to represent divisions, which FPC had sent Mr. Bize.

Mr. Galloway mentioned the possibility of obtaining quantities of war surplus telephone cable now stored on certain islands. He requested any one interested in obtaining such cable to get in touch with him. Mr. Warth referred to a new type of non-leaded cable about to be used by Southern Bell, called ALPATH. It has synthetic insulation (polyethylene) and a corrugated aluminum shield. Future cable is expected to carry a corrugated bronze covering.

Mr. Hosea inquired about the standard REA easement agreement and whether this easement covered only the electric power lines or whether it would also

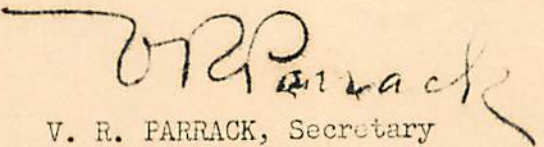
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cover telephone circuits which might be attached. Mr. Smith replied that the joint use contract did not guarantee joint easement use but that whether the easement would cover telephone circuits would be a matter of legal interpretation.

Mr. Warth inquired as to what representation on the committee the State Railroad Commission would have, since the passing of Mr. Girtman. From the discussion, it was evident that it would be mutually desirable for the commission to continue to have representation on this committee. It was suggested that Mr. Menendez as Committee Chairman, should convey this thought to the Commission with the invitation from the Committee for a State Railroad Commission representation. The Secretary was instructed to relay this request to Mr. Menendez.

The question of the next meeting place was next discussed. It was pointed out that the Florida Engineering Society meets the first week in May in Orlando. Mr. Parrack invited the group to meet in St. Petersburg. Mr. Galloway extended an invitation to Orlando or Winter Park. Some discussion followed on how long it had been since a meeting in Daytona Beach and Mr. Davis extended an invitation on behalf of Mr. Sam Williams to meet in Daytona Beach - which was accepted.

The meeting adjourned at about 1:00 P. M. after which the Committee was the guest of the Peninsular Telephone Company at a very enjoyable Florida-lobster luncheon in the Caribbean Room of the Tampa Terrace Hotel.



V. R. PARRACK, Secretary
Florida Utilities
Coordinating Committee

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