

MINUTES OF MEETING  
FLORIDA UTILITIES COORDINATING COMMITTEE  
FRANKLIN ARMS HOTEL, FORT MYERS, FLORIDA  
FEBRUARY 13, 1953

The regular quarterly meeting of the Florida Utilities Coordinating Committee was called to order by Chairman G. L. Kenny, Jr. Introduction of members present followed. The Committee was welcomed by J. L. Sanders, Florida Power and Light Company, Homer Welch, Lee County Electric Cooperative, and J. N. Johnson, Inter County Tel. & Tel. Company, all of Fort Myers. Those attending were:

S. D. Gray	Florida Power Corporation	Lake Wales, Fla.
R. E. Raymond	Florida Power Corporation	St. Petersburg, Fla.
L. G. Zelenka	American Tel. & Tel. Co.	Jacksonville, Fla.
H. L. Martin	Fla. Keys Electric Coopt.	Tavernier, Fla.
J. I. Sanders	Fla. Power & Light Company	Fort Myers, Fla.
L. O. Hester	State Road Department	Bartow, Florida
H. H. Coleman	Florida Power & Light Company	Sanford, Fla.
Jack Summitt	Public Utilities Commission	Tallahassee, Fla.
W. A. Haines	Florida Power & Light Company	Sarasota, Fla.
B. N. Darlington	Peninsular Telephone Company	Tampa, Fla.
G. F. Woodham	Florida Power Corporation	Avon Park, Fla.
Karl M. Allison	Lee County Electric Coopt.	Ft. Myers, Fla.
Al. Galloway	Winter Park Telephone Company	Winter Park, Fla.
H. T. Welch, Jr.	Lee County Electric Coopt.	Ft. Myers, Fla.
E. E. Lamberson	Inter County Tel. & Tel. Co.	Ft. Myers, Fla.
J. N. Joanson	Inter County Tel. & Tel. Co.	Ft. Myers, Fla.
James C. Clemens	Florida Power & Light Company	West Palm Beach, Fla.
R. S. Davis	Florida Power & Light Company	Miami, Fla.
G. L. Kenny, Jr.	Florida Power Corporation	St. Petersburg, Fla.
Ken Williams	Inter County Tel. & Tel. Co.	Ft. Myers, Fla.

OLD BUSINESS

The minutes of the previous meeting, which was held at Orlando, Florida November 14, 1952, were read and approved.

COMMITTEE ON TERRITORIAL MAPS

Ben Darlington reported that up-to-date the territorial maps were not completed.

Homer Welch went on record that he would move lines between Fort Myers and Pine Island that were in the way of telephone company's new construction.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO CONSTRUCT

There was considerable discussion on the wording of Intent to Construct. It seems that in some cases there was no reply given due to the fact that it was thought unnecessary but it was the concensus of opinion that all letters should be answered.

NEW BUSINESS

There was some correspondence between the State Road Department and Bell Telephone Company on signs along the highways, particularly south of Miami. It developed that due to the State Highway widening some of their rights of way, it left signs immediately under telephone company lines. These have been ordered removed by the State Highway Department. On U. S. Highway #80 between Tallahassee and Madison, the State Road has planted pine trees within 5 feet of toll lines. This was referred to the standing committee, Homer Welch, Chairman, Stanley Warth, Red Davis, and Cy Washburn, to confer with the State Road to see whether or not this was going to be their regular policy.

The question of higher voltage along State Highways was brought up and Mr. Welch, who was chairman of this committee, said the State Road could not grant a blanket permit covering increase voltage but each application would have to be handled separately.

Mr. Davis stated that along the coast area it was necessary for them to wash their insulators on their high-lines very frequently due to salt spray accumulation and consequent leakage.

Mr. Darlington thanked Bill Haines for correcting a bad condition on Longboat Key which caused interference of the telephone circuits.

Mr. Hester of the State Road brought up the new short form contract which the State Road now has for permits of 1,000 feet or less. He also discussed the fact that the State Road did not like anchors placed on the road side of a pole line and he also stated that in making applications for a permit to build along State Highways, if that would be handled through the local maintenance engineer, it would speed up putting these permits through.

Sam Gray thought that in cases where State Road wanted poles moved to widen roads, it would help everyone concerned if in the State Road's notification to Power or Telephone companies they would give the pole numbers, if possible, that were involved in the moving.

Jack Summitt of the Railroad Commission stated that the Commission's new rules and regulations for Utilities would be out in about 30 days.

Mr. Zelenka gave a very interesting talk on coaxial cable, its construction, and useage.

Ben Darlington talked on their new micro-wave system from Tampa to Highlands City, which they have been working on since 1946 and hope to have in service the 23rd of March.

Sam Gray gave an interesting talk on the Passion Play at Lake Wales.

#### HIGHLIGHT OF THE MEETING

Highlight of the meeting was the fact that Red Davis was back on the job in his usual form. He had spent his vacation in Georgia and brought back some very interesting pictures of his uncle and other of his kinfolks. There was some portion of these pictures that you really could see the family resemblance. He also had developed a new hobby, photography, and he showed up with a very high-powered expensive looking camera.

H. H. Coleman said that he was surprised that Red had brains enough to operate such a complicated machine and everyone agreed with him. It later developed that Sam Gray was a camera fiend. He had Mr. Davis pose and took a picture of him which he instantly developed in the gadget which he carried. It was a very remarkable picture of Mr. Davis.

We were glad to have so many R.E.A. boys with us as there were and had hoped that Ivan Tilyou of the Peace River Valley Coopt. could be there, also W. B. Irby at Moore Haven of the Glades County Coopt. It developed though that Mr. Irby had illness in his family and I understand that Ivan had a secondary pole broken off and it was necessary that he stay there to see that it was properly placed.

Somebody must have been misinformed about these R.E.A. boys or else Homer put in a lot of hard work, as I watched them very closely and they apparently used their knives and forks as well as anyone.

We missed Cy Washburn and his crowd from Jacksonville and hope they don't wait

to come to another meeting until they want to increase their voltage somewhere along the highways.

We missed Mr. Wilkerson very much and I think it is the first time in a good many years that he has missed a meeting.

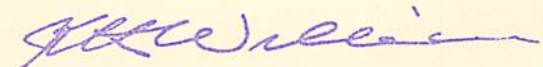
There was a lot of other very interesting things came up in this meeting that I am not going to attempt to record. If you birds want to know what goes on at these meetings, get out and attend them. Also want to serve notice to some of you, particularly Stan Warth and Ben Darlington who break out every once in a while in a long-winded technical discussion, that if you want these discussions in the minutes you will have to furnish the Acting Secretary a copy, otherwise they will receive very scant notice. Also want to put you on notice to make up your minds to get a permanent secretary by the next meeting.

Originally these meetings were held in various places and the particular companies, either Telephone or Power, acted as hosts and paid for the lunch. It was finally decided that in order to meet where we chose and not work a hardship on anyone, that each member would pay his own expenses. This worked for a while until we went to Keystone Heights where Pat Loudon insisted on paying for the lunch for the entire Committee. When the Committee decided to meet in Fort Myers, Homer Welch of the R.E.A. and the Telephone Company were so overwhelmed by the arrival of so many dignitaries that we decided we would pull a "Keystone Heights" on you so the Telephone Company and the R.E.A. bore the expenses.

#### NEXT MEETING

At the invitation of Sam Gray, they decided to hold the next meeting in Lake Wales, May 8, 1953.

There seems to be nothing else of importance that I can remember so the meeting adjourned.



K. H. Williams  
"Acting Secretary"