

MINUTES  
FLORIDA UTILITIES COORDINATING COMMITTEE  
MEETING OF AUGUST 13, 1948  
GEORGE WASHINGTON HOTEL, JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

The meeting was called to order at about 10:00 a. m. Friday, August 13, 1948, Chairman Ernest Menendez presiding.

The following were in attendance:

Mr. M. L. Barre	Southern Bell Tel. & Tel. Co.	Jacksonville, Florida
Mr. Arthur M. Brown, Jr.	Florida Telephone Corp.	Ocala, Florida
Mr. E. U. Brown	Southern Bell Tel. & Tel. Co.	Jacksonville, Florida
Mr. B. N. Darlington	Peninsular Tel. Co.	Tampa, Florida
Mr. R. S. Davis	Florida Power & Light Co.	Sarasota, Florida
Mr. G. M. Doyal	Gulf Power Co.	Pensacola, Florida
Mr. A. Galloway	Winter Park Tel. Co.	Winter Park, Florida
Mr. Ernest Menendez	Southeastern Tel. Co.	Tallahassee, Florida
Mr. V. R. Parrack	Florida Power Corp.	St. Petersburg, Florida
Mr. S. R. Ryan	Railroad and Publ. Util. Comm.	Tallahassee, Florida
Mr. R. W. Smith	R. E. A.	Thomasville, Georgia
Mr. H. V. Street	Florida Power and Light Co.	Miami, Florida
Mr. C. F. Titus	Reynolds, Smith and Hills	Jacksonville, Florida
Mr. Stanley Warth	Southern Bell Tel. & Tel. Co.	Jacksonville, Florida
Mr. B. E. Wilkerson	Seaboard Air Line Railroad	Norfolk, Virginia
Mr. K. Williams	Inter-County Tel. & Tel. Co.	Ft. Myers, Florida
Mr. L. G. Zelenka	American Tel. & Tel. Co.	Jacksonville, Florida

Chairman Menendez extended a hearty welcome to Messrs. S. R. Ryan, G. M. Doyal and E. U. Brown.

The Secretary read the minutes of the May fourteenth meeting at Daytona Beach, which were duly approved.

The Chairman called for a discussion of old business whereupon Mr. Parrack reported upon an attempt to get further information on the "Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices" from the American Association of State Highway Officials. A letter was read from their Executive Secretary stating the manual would not be ready until August. The extent to which this association may be recognized was discussed. The question of traffic light clearance interpretation was then discussed, as was the question of the twenty foot clearance of telephone lines over roads understood as being asked by the State Road Department.

Mr. Ryan made a motion which was passed that the Committee direct a letter to the State Road Department requesting their requirements in the following respects:

- (a) Required road clearance for traffic lights.
- (b) Required road clearance for wire or cables of various voltage classifications.
- (c) Regulations concerning the moving of objects of large size or shape, such as houses, oil tanks, etc., along State Roads.

Mr. Parrack suggested the desirability of having a representative of the State Road Department present at the next meeting to discuss these matters in person.

The matter of changes to wire crossings because of house moving, etc., was discussed. Mr. Ryan pointed out that the State Railroad Commission licenses house movers to make specific moves if the heights exceed a certain minimum. He pointed out also that all taxicabs, buses, sight seeing companies, moving companies are licensed by the Railroad Commission.

At Mr. Menendez's request, Mr. Parrack briefly outlined happenings at the Atlanta meeting on July 21 and 22 of "The Southeastern Utility Radio Coordinating Committee". He outlined the composition and objectives of the group; that the name was changed to "Southeast Utility Radio Group" and pointed out the present status of the frequency allocation problem to utility users and referred to successful use of the ground plane folded unipole type antenna as increasing station range.

Mr. Ryan pointed out that commercial mobile radio/telephone service was now authorized in Miami and Jacksonville and was soon contemplated in Tampa. He explained that the Railroad Commission was interested in these developments as an adjunct and a corollary interest to established telephone communication but was limited authority in this sphere, this being mostly in the jurisdiction of the Federal Communication Commission.

Mr. Warth explained that two channels of commercial mobile telephone service were contemplated in Miami and this type of service (one channel) is to go in operation in Jacksonville this month.

Mr. Darlington pointed out that the channel through which they would handle frequency assignments and related requirements is the Independent Telephone Group.

Mr. Parrack outlined for Mr. Ryan's benefit the past activity of our Committee and its sub-committee activity on mobile radio service. The present status is that Mr. Ray Atkinson is the Chairman of an inactive sub-committee whose principal function is one of keeping the group informed from time to time on the status as it might particularly interest them.

Mr. Zelenka reviewed his plea for closer cooperation in keeping ample clearance between the A. T. and T. circuits and secondary circuits or services which cross each other. He pointed out that A. T. and T. has about 800 miles of open line in the state and that recently a 150 mile section was energized by a 110 volt contact at a crossing. He suggested the desirability of being notified of new crossings of this type.

Mr. Warth made a similar plea on behalf of the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company.

It is requested that special care be taken by the Power Line Supervisors to see that the two foot minimum code clearance be maintained wherever services or secondaries cross over telephone services.

It is also requested that the part of these minutes which apply be read and discussed at the Construction Men's Safety Meetings in order that the information may reach the ones with which action can be made effective.

Some discussion followed on past action on having representatives of municipalities attend these meetings. Several invitations to the next meeting were to be conveyed by individuals.

Mr. Darlington discussed a case of road widening in which they were obligated to take down certain trees including removing the roots. The property owners had the trees cut down and sold and left stumps of insufficient height for a bull dozer to push over. They took the position that they would push the roots out where possible

with a bull dozer but would not go to the expense of having them dug out under the circumstances.

Mr. Menendez pointed out that short notice on road widening was gradually becoming acute again.

The Secretary is requested to extend a special invitation to the Division State Road Engineer whenever our meeting takes place in his division.

Mr. Darlington reported continued satisfaction with road moving notices.

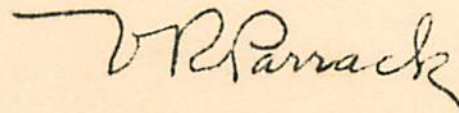
A revised mailing list, tentatively corrected in the meeting, is attached hereto, with the request that the Secretary be advised of any additions or deletions required to bring it up to date.

The election of officers for the coming year resulted in the following:

Chairman	V. R. Parrack
Vice-Chairman	L. G. Zelenka
Secretary	Arthur M. Brown, Jr.

The place for the next meeting was next discussed. Mr. Parrack renewed his invitation to meet in St. Petersburg or any other place in his system. Mr. Darlington proposed the next meeting be held in Lakeland. Lakeland was selected for a tentative date of November 12.

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 p. m. after which the Committee was the guest of the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company at a very enjoyable steak luncheon in the George Washington Hotel Banquet Hall.



V. R. Parrack, Secretary  
Florida Utilities Coordinating  
Committee

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