

Minutes of Florida Utilities Coordinating Committee
meeting held at Harrington-Hall Hotel, Ocala, Fla.
May 13, 1938

Members Present: W. F. Girtman, Fla. Tel. Corp.
Wilkins Linhart, Fla. Railroad Commission
J.N.McFeeley, Sou. Bell Tel. & Tel. Co.
C.B.McCartney, Fla. Power Corp.
E.W.Parrish, Fla. Public Service Co.
R.W.Shriner, Peninsular Tel.Co.
A.P.Michaels, Representing Clay Electric Coop. Assn.
and Sumter Elec. Coop. Assn.

Visitors: A.G.Tellery, Gulf Tel. Co. Perry, Fla.
E.J.Sparkman, Gulf Tel. Co. " "
L.B.Lovett, Fla. Power Corp. Ocala, Fla.
G.L.Kenny, Fla. Power Corp. " "

Meeting called to order at 9:45 A.M. by Chairman McCartney
and visitors welcomed.

Minutes of March 17th meeting held at Tallahassee read and
approved.

Mr. A.P.Michaels, Engineer for the Clay Electric Co-operative Assn.
and the Sumter Electric Co-operative Assn. was welcomed and admitted to member-
ship with the Committee.

The Clay & Sumter Electric Co-operative Associations were recently
organized and allotted R.E.A. funds for the building of distribution power lines
together with power sources to serve customers in Alachua, Bradford, Clay,
Putnam, Union, Sumter, Lake, Marion and Hernando Counties. Mr. Michaels address
is P.O.Box 794, Orlando, Florida.

Correspondence mainly regarding line construction on highways was
briefly outlined by the Secretary and discussed.

The moving of pole lines on State Road #5 north of Tampa in Pasco
County where the highway is being rebuilt was discussed. The Road Department
had asked that the pole lines be located so that none of the poles, anchors,
or guys would fall within the outside ditch limits in the 100' wide section
of the Highway rebuild, and have requested Telephone Companies to place their
poles 45' from center line of highway, except where the road parallels the
Seaboard Railroad where encroachment on Railroad property is involved.

The Telephone Company representatives involved stated they were
making a survey of the situation so as to comply with the Road Department's
request in-so-far as possible. They plan to do such rebuilding as may be
required at a time that the line rebuilding and road construction will least
interfere with the other.

The Maintenance of and Liability associated with privately owned lines or poles on private property serving property owners was discussed. Mr. McFeeley of the Southern Bell Co. stated his Company has a contract they require with property owners covering this situation. A copy of this contract was requested as it was thought other member companies may benefit from a similar arrangement.

Liability in connection with charged fences on or along private property was discussed and it was thought liability should also be placed prior to allowing power connections.

Mr. McCartney requested each member, if possible, to study joint construction contracts of their companies prior to the next meeting, in order that uniformity in-so-far as it is practical, might be secured on joint construction arrangements between Power and Communication Companies.


Joint construction was discussed generally, some of the members representing both power and communication companies being heartily in favor of joint construction, especially as it affords uniform and adequate clearances for service wires, guys, etc., when constructed strictly in accordance with joint use specifications. Other members were somewhat in doubt as to the advantage of joint construction from their experience in not being able to get the associated company to faithfully provide proper construction and clearances.

The load value of communication wires vs. power wires and the relative average space required in different localities, it was pointed out should have a bearing on the rental value of jointly used pole space and should hinder the adoption of uniform reciprocal rentals for all companies.

Further study and discussion of Joint Use Contracts is scheduled for next meeting.

Secretary instructed to request that Mr. Dowling have the Division Engineer nearest to meeting place attend meetings if possible.

Meeting adjourned at noon after agreement on Miami as the next meeting place. It was suggested that meeting be at Columbus Hotel, Friday, August 12th at 9:30 A.M. Secretary to request Mr. H.V. Street to see if space is available there.


R. W. Shriner
Secretary