

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FLORIDA
UTILITIES COORDINATING COMMITTEE HELD IN PONTE

VEDRA, FRIDAY, AUGUST 12, 1949

The meeting was called to order at about 10:00 A.M., Friday, August 12, 1949. In the absence of Mr. V. R. Parrack, Chairman and Mr. L. G. Zelenka, Vice-Chairman, Mr. W. E. Wilkerson presided.

The following were in attendance:

Mr. Ralph W. Smith	R.E.A.	Thomasville, Georgia
J. G. Sparkman	Sumter Electric Coop., Inc.	Sumterville, Florida
A. G. Loudon	Clay Electric Coop.	Keystone Hgts., Florida
F. A. Seay	State Road Department	Tallahassee, Florida
G. M. Doyal	Gulf Power Company	Pensacola, Florida
H. L. Martin	Fla. Keys Electric Coop. Assn., Inc.	Tavernier, Florida
Erle McGough	Withlacooches River Elec. Coop. Inc.	Dade City, Fla.
Karl M. Allison	Peace River Vally Elec. Coop., Inc.	Wauchula, Florida
J. G. Spencer, Jr.	Florida Power & Light Co.	Daytona Beach, Florida
A. G. Loudon, Jr.	Clay Electric Coop.	Keystone Hgts., Florida
E. U. Brown	Southern Bell Tel. & Tel. Co.	Jacksonville, Florida
S. R. Ryan	Railroad & Public Utilities Commission,	Tallahassee, Fla.
Stanley Warth	Southern Bell Tel. & Tel. Co.	Jacksonville, Fla.
Ray L. Atkinson	Florida Forest Service	Tallahassee, Florida
R. E. Wilkerson	S.A.L.R.R. Company	Norfolk, Virginia
Arthur Brown, Jr.	Florida Telephone Corp.	Ocala, Florida

The meeting was called to order after which Mr. Wilkerson asked each member to stand and introduce himself to the group.

The Secretary read the minutes of the May 13 meeting at St. Petersburg after which Mr. Wilkerson called for any discussion or corrections. The minutes stood approved as read. However, Mr. Warth raised a question as to the proposed ruling of the F. C. C. to regulate all carrier current over 10 K. C. as referred to in the minutes just read. The discussion following lead to an open question before the group as to whether the lower limit proposal by the F. C. C. was 10 K.C. or 200 K.C. Mr. Atkinson verified the 10 K. C. lower limit.

It was pointed out by Mr. Ryan that the F. C. C. has a hearing coming up in regard to spurious frequencies with regard to interference effects.

Notices of intent to construct, received since the last meeting were read by the Secretary. One of the letters read was addressed to Mr. Ivan Tillyou, Peace River Valley Coop., from Mr. J. F. Hosea, Inter-County Telephone & Telegraph Co., in reply to a letter dated August 1, 1949 which was not available to be read. Mr. Allison of Peace River Valley Coop. explained the contents of the previous letter as being a letter of thanks for excellent service rendered during a storm emergency by the Inter-County Telephone & Telegraph Company to the Peace River Valley Coop.

Revision of Part Two, Rules, Regulations and Specifications, Governing the Construction and Maintenance of Electric Light and Power Line Crossings over railroads tracks was discussed at some length, parts of which are as follows:

Mr. Wilkerson pointed out that the S. A. L. Railroad would like to see the specification revised and that up to the present time the railroads have been waiting on the E. E. I. and A. A. R. to come up with their specification. The E.E.I. and A. A. R. joint committee has now completed their regulations which have been recommended for use by Railroad and Power Companies.

Mr. Ryan asked Mr. Wilkerson if there has ever been any discussion as to the definition of power and communication lines. Mr. Wilkerson indicated that the presently accepted definitions have not been questioned.

Mr. Ryan stated that the Florida Railroad and Public Utilities Commission has been planning to hold a hearing relative to revisions to the present regulation. However, such hearing has been postponed in the past, due to lack of suggested changes either on the part of the railroads or the power companies. Mr. Ryan pointed out that he has only received one letter of complaint on the present regulation. At the present time the Railroad Commission plans to call a hearing and a tentative date has been set for the middle of November, 1949. Mr. Ryan advised the committee that the hearing will consist of recommendations from both sides as to suggested changes referring to specific paragraphs of present regulations.

Mr. Warth expressed the feeling that the lack of complaints is due to the power companies being allowed to follow the Fifth Edition of the National Electric Safety Code which has been more or less satisfactory to both the railroads and the power companies. With reference to the proposed hearing Mr. Warth recommended an informal hearing first and in the informal hearing a draft be made of the Rules, Regulations and specifications to be presented at the formal hearing at a later date. He pointed out that this procedure was followed for the communications with satisfactory results.

Mr. S. R. Ryan of the Florida Railroad and Public Utilities Commission, suggests that those interested in the revision of Part Two "Rules, Regulations and Specifications, Governing the Construction and Maintenance of Electric Light and Power Line Crossing the Tracks of Steam Railroads in the State of Florida", write a letter to him, outlining briefly what changes should be made in the present instructions, and why such changes should be made.

Suggestions would also be gladly received on how best to handle such negotiations. The Commission proposed to hold a public hearing on the matter within the next 60 to 90 days.

Mr. Ryan announced that Mr. Wilkins Linhart of the Railroad Commission is undergoing a series of serious operations at a hospital in Boston.

Mr. Ralph Smith stated that he is happy to be back at our meetings and the kind wishes he received while he was confined were greatly appreciated.

Mr. Wilkerson called it to the attention of the Committee that this is the regular date for election of officers for the next year. Mr. Warth made a motion to postpone the election until the next meeting, explaining that the election was not announced at the previous meeting and it was felt that it being somewhat a surprise to most of us that election time was around again, it should be postponed to give all members a chance to consider - The motion was seconded and passed.

The question was raised as to the outcome of two Bills in the Legislature, one relative to aerial wire clearances and the other a rental fee for poles located on State property. It was brought out that both bills died in committees.

Mr. F. A. Seay, State Road Department announced that paragraph 232, from the Fifth Edition of the National Electric Safety Code has been adopted as requirements for the State Road Department with regard to aerial wire clearances. This action was taken at a recent meeting of the State Road Department Board held in Tampa. Mr. Seay advised that the application Forms are in the process of being revised and when the new forms are available the Utilities will be notified and furnished with a revised form. This requirement will void the present minimum wire clearance requirement over State Roads of 20 feet, a point which has been discussed at several of our recent meetings.

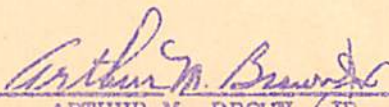
Mr. Martin advised the Committee that the Florida Keys Electric Coop., line between Tavernier and Marathon now operated at 12.5 K.V. would be converted in the near future, to 26 K.V. 4 wire wye.

Mr. Warth pointed out that he had noted considerable progress on the Jim Woodruff dam at Chattahoochee and asked Mr. Doyal if he had any knowledge as to where this power will be transmitted or if it will be used in Florida. The discussion that followed seemed to indicate that the power generation program for this dam was still an open question, the dam being primarily a flood control project which was scheduled for completion in 1952.

Pleasure was expressed at the fine representation at our meeting of the R.E.A.'s. It was at the same time noted that the power companies were very poorly represented. It was pointed out that this meeting was lacking some of the usual humorous touch due to the absence of certain of our regular members and according to the general consensus of opinion was a result of vacations conflicting with our regular scheduled meeting, a situation which, off the record, the Committee does not condone.

The location for our next meeting was opened for discussion. In the interest of better attendance Mr. Atkinson suggested an over night meeting with the afternoon session followed by a short session the following morning, provided this would not conflict with any existing by-laws of the Committee. Mr. Atkinson expressed the feeling that this arrangement would allow more time for traveling to and from the meeting and might tend toward a larger attendance. Mr. Smith added that the desirability of an over night meeting would depend on the location selected for the meeting. No further action was taken on overnight meetings. Mr. Warth suggested that our next meeting be held in Daytona Beach. This suggestion seemed to meet the general approval of the Committee. Mr. J. G. Spencer extended an invitation to hold our next meeting in Daytona Beach, after which a motion was made to this effect, being seconded and passed. A tentative date was set for the next meeting as November 11, 1949.

The business portion of our meeting which was conducted in the very pleasant environment of the Ponte Vedra Inn was adjourned about 1:00 P.M. The committee then moved over to the Ponte Vedra Bath Club for lunch, as guests of the Southern Bell Telephone & Telegraph Company. The luncheon was most enjoyable and the scenery something a little unusual overlooking the beach and the Atlantic Ocean.


ARTHUR M. BROWN, JR., SECRETARY