

Minutes of Meeting of
FLORIDA UTILITIES COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Held at Angebilt Hotel
Orlando, Florida.

August 6, 1937

MEMBERS PRESENT

E. L. Cox, Gulf Telephone Company, Perry, Fla.
J. K. Galloway, Winter Park Telephone Co., Winter Park, Fla.
W. F. Girtman, Florida Telephone Corp., Leesburg, Fla.
H. C. Harris, American Tel. & Tel. Co., Jacksonville, Fla.
Wilkins Linhart, Florida Railroad Commission, Tallahassee, Fla.
C. B. McCartney, Florida Power Corporation, St. Petersburg, Fla.
E. W. Parrish, Florida Public Service Co., Orlando, Fla.
J. H. Rouse, So. Bell Tel. & Tel. Co., Jacksonville, Fla.
R. W. Shriner, Peninsular Tel. Co., Tampa, Fla.
R. M. Temple, City of Tallahassee, Fla.
K. H. Williams, Intercounty Tel. Co., Fort Meyers, Fla.

MEMBERS ABSENT

H. E. Brown, Tampa Electric Company, Tampa, Fla.
W. A. Coppage, Postal Telegraph Company, Atlanta, Ga.
J. H. Dowling, State Road Department, Tallahassee, Fla.
J. N. MacFeeley, So. Bell Tel. & Tel. Co., Jacksonville, Fla.
E. M. Menendez, Southeastern Tel. Co., Tallahassee, Fla.
S. O. Newsome, Riverside Tel. Co., Blountstown, Fla.
R. L. Pulley, Gulf Power Company, Pensacola, Fla.
H. V. Street, Florida Power & Light Co., Miami, Fla.
L. S. Terrell, Western Union Tel. Co., Atlanta, Ga.

VISITORS PRESENT

W. T. Ewing, So. Bell Tel. & Tel. Co., Orlando, Florida.
J. L. Wolcott, Orlando Utilities Company, Orlando, Florida.
J. S. DeVane, " " " " " "

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 A.M. by the Chairman, Mr. W. F. Girtman. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Correspondence was read and filed. Mr. Girtman then welcomed visitors present.

A report was made on the interference existing between the power lines of the City of Tallahassee and the telephone lines of the Southeastern Telephone Company. The Telephone Company had

started suit against the City to force the City to go to non-grounded neutral operation of their power line south of Tallahassee. In an effort to effect a compromise in this situation, an extended survey of the conditions was made by Mr. J. H. Rouse of the Southern Bell and Mr. C. B. McCartney of the Florida Power Corporation. The result of this investigation was that in order to reduce this interference as much as possible, it would either be necessary for the City of Tallahassee to go to 6900 volt delta operation of their line at a cost of approximately \$2,500 and a 60% reduction in the line capacity, or as an alternative to this to connect the 4-wire circuit as two independent single phase circuits whose voltage would be at all times bucking and the resulting voltage to ground zero. This would cost practically nothing and would reduce the capacity of the line only approximately 15% but would limit the line to single phase operation.

Following this report, a joint meeting of the City and Telephone Company was held in Tallahassee on July 23rd at which time Mr. Glisson stated that within one hour after the test on the bucking single phase operation of the line, the noise returned and that service was not satisfactory with this operation. After considerable discussion, it was decided-

(1) That the telephone service, with the City line operating as 6900 volt single phase 3-wire grounded neutral system, is to be determined by questionnaire taken jointly by a representative of the City and Telephone Company.

(2) That the City is to convert its system to a delta 6900 volt system and a similar determination of telephone service made to determine whether or not the difficulty is in fact entirely eliminated by the City's change to a delta system.

(3) That if it is determined that the City's conversion of its power line to a delta system has relieved complaints of the Telephone Company, then the City will continue to operate its power line as a delta system and the Telephone Company will pay to the City the approximate value of present transformers on this line which can not be used on a delta system. However, it was agreed that in case there was not a complete elimination of the trouble, the Telephone Company would reimburse the City for one-half of the expense of this conversion and the City may resume its operation of the grounded neutral system.

In regard to the interference problem between the Postal Telegraph and the Florida Telephone Corporation, south of Ocala, Mr. Girtman reported that there still is interference in this locality and he is to take this up with representative of the Postal who was not present at this meeting.

A general discussion was then indulged in of the good resulting from these meetings. It was brought out that the initial purpose of the Committee, of getting the various members better acquainted with each other, has been accomplished and that in the future, in order to make the meetings interesting and worth while, a definite program will have to be worked out. The question of whether the meetings being held quarterly was too frequent was also brought up. It was decided to hold this over for further discussion at the next meeting.

Mr. Girtman then stated that this was the completion of the initial year of the Committee, that he had enjoyed working with the members, and that it was now time to select new officers. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

C. B. McCartney, Chairman
E. W. Parrish, Vice Chairman
R. W. Shriner, Secretary

At this point, it was brought out that Mr. Girtman has been primarily responsible for this Committee and he was given a rising vote of thanks by the Committee for the work he has done.

The next meeting is to be held in Fort Meyers on the first Friday in November.

No further business appearing, the committee adjourned at 12 P.M. to a luncheon furnished by Messrs. Parrish and Galloway.

C. B. McCartney
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