

MINUTES
FLORIDA UTILITIES COORDINATING COMMITTEE
MEETING OF NOVEMBER 12, 1948
LAKELAND TERRACE HOTEL, LAKELAND, FLA.

The meeting was called to order at about 10:00 A.M., Friday, November 12, 1948, Chairman V. R. Ferrack presiding.

The following were in attendance:

Mr. J. G. Sparkman	Sumter Elect. Coop., Inc.	Sumterville, Fla.
Mr. L. C. Zelenka	American Tel. & Tel. Co.	Jacksonville, Fla.
Mr. J. G. Spencer, Jr.	Florida Power & Light Co.	Daytona Beach, Fla.
Mr. Ray L. Atkinson	Fla. Forest & Park Service	Tallahassee, Fla.
Mr. R. B. Downing	Wauchula Light & Water Dept.	Wauchula, Fla.
Mr. W. T. Cook	Peninsular Tel. Co.	Lakeland, Fla.
Mr. Wilkins Linhart	Railroad & Pub. Util. Comm.	Tampa, Fla.
Mr. E. B. Emrey	Florida Telephone Corp.	Ocala, Fla.
Mr. Ken Williams	Inter-Co. Tel. & Tel. Co.	Ft. Myers, Fla.
Mr. John L. Green	City of Ft. Meade	Ft. Meade, Fla.
Mr. James R. Brice	Tampa Electric Co.	Tampa, Fla.
Mr. E. Nelson	Florida Power Corp.	St. Petersburg, Fla.
Mr. Iven Tilyou	Peare River Valley Elect. Coop.	Wauchula, Fla.
Mr. V. R. Ferrack	Florida Power Corp.	St. Petersburg, Fla.
Mr. R. S. Davis	Florida Power & Light Co.	Sarasota, Fla.
Mr. M. R. Smith	So. Bell Tel. & Tel. Co.	Orlando, Fla.
Mr. B. E. Wilkerson	S. A. L. Railroad	Norfolk, Va.
Mr. Stanley Warth	So. Bell Tel. & Tel. Co.	Jacksonville, Fla.
Mr. B. M. Darlington	Peninsular Tel. Co.	Tampa, Fla.
Mr. Arthur M. Brown, Jr.	Florida Telephone Corp.	Ocala, Fla.

The Secretary read the minutes of the August 13 meeting at Jacksonville, which were duly approved.

In the nature of old business, the Chairman presented a written report directed to this committee by Mr. S. R. Ryan, Subject, The moving of large objects over the Public Highways. This report was read by the Secretary. It was established from this report that common carriers are required to make application to the Commission and the carrier will be held responsible to settle all legitimate claims for property damage. Also from paragraph four of this report, "In addition to the above stated operating authority, the carrier is required to obtain from the State Department of Public Safety, a permit either on a monthly basis or on a singular trip basis, where commodities due to their size, weight, height or length exceed that provided for under the general laws of the state.

Mr. Williams pointed out that many difficulties were encountered from the moving of houses, drag-lines, etc. of unusual height by persons other than common carriers. In view of this a motion was made and passed that the Committee direct a letter to the State Road Department of Florida requesting that the State Road Department upon issuance of a special permit to make movements of objects of a large size or shape along state roads, notify the appropriate State Highway Patrol office in view of the Highway Patrol cooperating with the utilities along the route of move.

The Secretary read a letter from the Committee Chairman

addressed to the State Road Department; also the answer to this letter was read. In brief, the information requested and the answers follow:

A) What are the road clearance requirements from the bottom of traffic signal lights: (14'-6" minimum)

B) What are clearance requirements of suspending messenger and electric circuit actuating traffic light: (14'-6" minimum)

C) What are clearance requirements for guy wires, telephone wires, electric wires, etc. (Reference made to page 3 application form calling for minimum of 20').

Discussion of these letters followed, opened by Mr. Atkinson with the question if these requirements applied to all municipalities regardless of size. The Committee's interpretation was that it did apply. Discussion at some length developed in regard to the State Road Department of Florida's requirement of a minimum vertical clearance of at least twenty feet for wire crossings over roadways.

Mr. Parrack renewed the subject of the American Association of State Highway Officials and presented a copy of their "Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices" which he had received. An exchange of letters was read by the Secretary, between Mr. Parrack and above association.

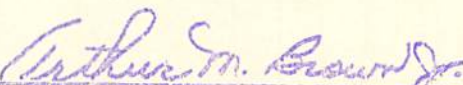
Notices of intent to construct received since the last meeting were next read by the Secretary. No discussion followed.

Mr. Warth gave a report on Southern Bell's commercial mobile telephone service in Florida. He reported that Jacksonville went in service in August. Only one channel was now operating in Miami with about 70 mobile stations and that they were experiencing some antenna difficulties.

The place for the next meeting was next discussed. Mr. Emrey extended an invitation to meet in Ocala. Mr. Parrack renewed his invitation to meet in St. Petersburg. Mr. Warth suggested Tallahassee as a matter of convenience to the members of the State Road Department, who might be able to attend. Ocala was selected for a tentative date of February 11.

The Chairman, Mr. Parrack, apologized for the late introduction of strangers in the group and all in attendance were asked to stand and introduce himself to the group.

The meeting adjourned shortly after noon after which the Committee was the guest, jointly of the Peninsular Telephone Company and the Florida Power and Light Company at a very enjoyable luncheon.


ARTHUR M. BROWN, JR. SECRETARY
Florida Utilities Coordinating
Committee.