

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FLORIDA UTILITIES

COORDINATING COMMITTEE HELD IN ST. PETERS-

BURG, FRIDAY, MAY 13, 1949

The meeting was called to order at about 10:00 A.M., Friday, May 13, 1949, with Chairman V. R. Parrack presiding:

The following were in attendance:

Mr. R. S. Davis	Florida Power & Light Co.	Sarasota
Mr. John P. Hanley, Jr.	Florida Power & Light Co.	West Palm Beach
Mr. Ollie T. Ayers, Jr.	Florida Power & Light Co.	Miami
Mr. James L. Monroe	Florida Power & Light Co.	Lake City
Mr. P. B. Locke	Florida Power Corp.	St. Petersburg
Mr. L. W. Abrams	Florida Power Corp.	Clearwater
Mr. R. E. Raymond	Florida Power Corp.	St. Petersburg
Mr. James R. Brice	Tampa Electric Company	Tampa
Mr. Wilkins Linhart	Railroad & Public Utilities Commission	Tampa
Mr. Ken Williams	Inter County Tel. & Tel. Co.	Ft. Myers
Mr. F. A. Seay	State Road Dept.	Tallahassee
Mr. B. E. Wilkerson	S. A. L. Railroad	Norfolk, Va.
Mr. R. W. Norman	Florida Power Corp.	Apalachicola, Fla.
Mr. Holland Stebbins	Florida Power Corp.	Winter Park
Mr. G. L. Kenny, Jr.	Florida Power Corp.	Ocala
Mr. V. R. Parrack	Florida Power Corp.	St. Petersburg
Mr. S. D. Gray	Florida Power Corp.	Lake Wales
Mr. L. G. Zelenka	American Tel. & Tel. Co.	Jacksonville
Mr. Stanley Warth	Southern Bell Tel. & Tel. Co.	Jacksonville
Mr. B. N. Darlington	Peninsular Telephone Company	Tampa
Mr. Arthur M. Brown, Jr.	Florida Telephone Corporation	Ocala
Mr. A. L. Nelson	Florida Power Corp.	St. Petersburg
Mr. John S. Cadel	State Road Department	Orlando

Mr. Parrack extended a welcome to St. Petersburg and to the Florida Power Corporation Electric Living Center, where the meeting was held. The Chairman then asked to have a standing introduction by each member present.

The Secretary read the minutes of the February 11 meeting at Ocala, after which the Chairman called for any discussion or corrections. The minutes were approved as read.

The Secretary read the notices of intent to construct, received since the last meeting. No discussion followed. The Chairman pointed out that at the last meeting, it was requested that a renewed effort be made on the part of those responsible for these notices to see that the proper notices were sent to those concerned. Mr. Parrack expressed satisfaction at the response shown by the increase in letters received since the last meeting.

It was pointed out that the Electric Coops are still the most lax in the handling of the notices of intent to construct. Mr. Davis offered this possible reason, in the absence of any representative from the R E A, that it may be due to lack of engineering personnel in the various coops. Mr. Warth substantiated this opinion adding that most of their work is done by large projects. Mr. Warth suggested a more intimate relationship with the local managers by personal visits to try to accomplish a fuller realization of the importance of such notices.

Mr. Parrack asked if anyone could make a report on Mr. Ralph Smith, R E A Field Engineer, Thomasville, Georgia with reference to his recent automobile accident. Mr. Warth reported that he understands that Mr. Smith is getting along nicely but is still confined.

It was noted that the Electric Coops were not represented at this meeting. Mr. Warth made a suggestion that a special effort be made by each of us to get our near-by Coop Managers to attend future meetings.

Two pending bills, one a House bill and the other a Senate bill in the Florida Legislature were discussed. In general, the House bill would raise the aerial wire clearances over public highways to a minimum of 24 feet. Senate bill proposed that pole using utilities throughout the state be charged a rental fee for poles located on State Road right of way and other state property. Mr. Darlington had received copies of both of these bills and read them for the benefit of the committee.

At the request of the Chairman, Mr. Warth commented on the Southern Bell joint construction program with the R E A's. Mr. Warth stated that the Southern Bell has negotiated several contracts with various Coops in accordance with the standard arrangement.

At Mr. Parrack's request, Mr. Nelson gave a brief resume of the latest information on frequency allocations. Discussion followed on this subject.

Mr. Warth next discussed progress of television in the state of Florida in those respects which Southern Bell Company was involved. He described the loop provided by telephone company from the studio to the transmitter for the Miami station.

Mr. Parrack welcomed Mr. Seay, of the State Road Department, Tallahassee and asked for any comments he might have to make. Mr. Seay replied that he has no comments at the present time.

Mr. Brice brought up the subject of a proposed ruling of the F.C.C. to regulate all carrier current of over 10 K.C. It was pointed out that this ruling would probably have some limitations based on radiation. This was of particular interest to the telephone company since many of our wire line carrier frequencies are above the 10 K.C. range.

Mr. Monroe renewed the discussion of previous meetings with reference to closer coordination between the Utilities and the State Road Department's construction program. Mr. Monroe asked Mr. Seay if it would be possible to send those utilities involved copies of construction plans at the time bids are advertised. Mr. Seay stated that the road Department was most willing to cooperate in this matter and that such plans would be furnished upon request.

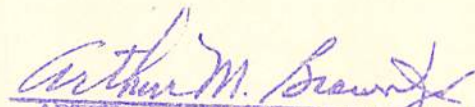
Mr. Davis stated that the cooperation in this respect has been excellent between the right of way agent for the State Road Department in the Bartow Division and that he had been furnished right of way maps for all such projects.

Mr. Warth acquainted the committee with a recent organizational change in the Southern Bell Telephone & Telegraph Company in their engineering staff. The engineering has been decentralized from Atlanta to the individual states and Mr. George M. Todd is now Chief Engineer of Florida. Mr. R. J. Hopper, Florida Plant Superintendent will remain in charge of operations as in the past.

The place for the next meeting was discussed and Mr. Warth extended an invitation to meet in Jacksonville. Motion was made to meet in Jacksonville which was seconded and passed.

The meeting adjourned about 12:30 after which the committee was the guest of the Florida Power Corporation at a very enjoyable luncheon at the St. Petersburg Yacht Club.

Mr. G. A. Grimm, Vice President of the Florida Power Corporation joined the Committee at the luncheon and was introduced to the committee by Mr. Parrack. Mr. Grimm extended a hearty welcome to the Committee.


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