

MINUTES OF MEETING  
 FLORIDA UTILITIES COORDINATING COMMITTEE  
 HOTEL TAMPA TERRACE, TAMPA, FLORIDA  
 AUGUST 13, 1954

The regular quarterly meeting of the Florida Utilities Coordinating Committee was called to order in Tampa at the Hotel Tampa Terrace Friday, August 13, 1954 at 10 a.m. by Mr. B. N. Darlington. Introduction of those present followed and those attending were:

H. M. Verison	Southern Bell Tel. & Tel. Co.	Tampa, Florida
J. R. Brice	Tampa Electric Company	Tampa, Florida
C. H. Summers	Florida Power & Light	Miami, Florida
E. A. McKee, Sr.	Southeastern Telephone Company	Tallahassee, Florida
Eugene Lowe	Florida Keys Electric Coop.	Tavernier, Florida
Stanley Warth	Southern Bell Tel. & Tel. Co.	Jacksonville, Florida
P. H. Wright	Atlantic Coast Line	Savannah, Georgia
Wilkins Lenhart	Fla. R. R. & P. U. Comm.	Fruitland Park, Florida
R. E. Raymond	Florida Power Corp.	St. Petersburg, Florida
Bob Mayhew	Southeastern Telephone Company	Tallahassee, Florida
R. D. Welch	Tampa Electric Co.	Tampa, Florida
J. R. Henderson	Winter Park Tel. Co.	Winter Park, Florida
Ken Williams	Inter County Telephone Co.	Ft. Myers, Florida
Wm. R. Galt	State Road Department	Tallahassee, Florida
J. G. Spencer, Jr.	Fla. Power & Light Co.	Sarasota, Florida
J. E. Cordell	Electric & Water Engineer Dept.	Jacksonville, Florida
W. J. Fowler	Electric & Water Engineer Dept.	Jacksonville, Florida
Arthur M. Brown, Jr.	Peninsular Telephone Co.	Tampa, Florida
L. O. Hester	State Road Department	Bartow, Florida
C. W. Fielding	State Road Department	Bartow, Florida
Earle McGough	Withlacoochee River Elec. Coop.	Dade City, Florida
R. S. Davis	Fla. Power & Light Co.	Miami, Florida
B. N. Darlington	Peninsular Telephone Co.	Tampa, Florida
H. L. Martin	Fla. Keys Elec. Coop.	Tavernier, Florida

OLD BUSINESS

The minutes of the meeting held in Tallahassee, Florida, May 14, 1954 were read and approved with one correction. It was brought out by Mr. Darlington that the territorial maps assembled by him were meant for the State Road Department alone.

INTENT TO CONSTRUCT

Notices of intent to construct received by the Secretary, since the last meeting, were read in short form. Of six (6) notices of intent received five (5) were replied to.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Chairman called for nomination of officers for the ensuing year and stated that the Secretary should be a Telephone Company representative.

The election of officers for the coming year resulted in the following:

Chairman	H. L. Martin
Vice Chairman	R. S. Davis
Secretary	C. R. Mayhew

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made and passed unanimously paying special attribute to the late Mr. B. E. Wilkerson, of the Seaboard Airline Railroad, and that a Resolution be framed in Memoriam. Mr. Wilkerson always took an active part in the activities of the Florida Utilities Coordinating Committee and attended regularly since its formation.

Stanley Warth again stressed the importance of notifying adjacent utilities of any new construction.

Ben Darlington advised of instance of interference experienced recently from power induction.

A reply to Mr. Zelenka's letter to the State Road Department requesting clarification of the location of utility poles along state highways was read by the Secretary. The State Road Department advised that a state wide policy was adopted a year ago requesting that all poles be offset 6 $\frac{1}{2}$  feet from the right-of-way wherever possible. The reason for this being that in many cases it is necessary to later construct a sidewalk along the edge of the right-of-way and that the 5 foot offset was not sufficient for this purpose.

Stanley Warth stated he had no idea of the results of the survey being made by The Bell Company for irregular ground connections on transformers. It was brought out that specifications were not followed in each instance.

It was also stated that some Companies are considering 12" instead of 40" clearance from the bottom of transformers on joint use poles and although contrary to the National Electrical Safety Code might be acceptable in view of the length of the large size transformers now being used.

Ben Darlington reported that a study of Peninsular Telephone Company's microwave system reveals outages of only .04% for a year and that Bartow-Avon Park microwave is working fine.

In connection with buried cable within the confines of the State right-of-way, Mr. Hester stated that most companies experience difficulties because the contractors do not hold to the locations specified in the permits.

It was suggested that the contractors be contacted relative to attending the meetings of the Committee and that the result of the findings of the Committee be passed on to the people in the field who perform the work.

A most interesting film, "American Progress", was presented by Mr. Raymond of the Florida Power Company.

Upon invitation by Ken Williams the next meeting will be held in Ft. Myers, Florida, November 5th.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned to enjoy a very fine luncheon as guests of the Peninsular Telephone Company.

*C. R. Mayhew*  
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