

MINUTES OF MEETING  
 FLORIDA UTILITIES COORDINATING COMMITTEE  
 Jacksonville, Florida  
 May 9, 1958

The regular quarterly meeting of the Florida Utilities Coordinating Committee was called to order on May 9, 1958, at 9:30 A.M. in the Mayport Room of the Roosevelt Hotel in Jacksonville, Florida, by Chairman Mr. John Henderson.

An introduction of those present showed the following attending:

Mr. Stanley Warth	Southern Bell Telephone Co.	Jacksonville
Mr. W. B. Crays	Inter Co. Tel & Tel Co.	Ft. Myers
Mr. Wilkins Linhart	Fla. RR & PU Com	Fruitland Park
Mr. Ken Williams	Inter Co. Tel & Tel Co.	Ft. Myers
Mr. R. E. Raymond	Florida Power Corp.	St. Petersburg
Mr. G. M. Doyal	Gulf Power Company	Pensacola
Mr. E. E. Cobb	Gulf Power Company	Pensacola
Mr. L. M. McLean	ACL Railroad Company	Savannah
Mr. Thomas M. Priest	Withlacoochee River Elec. Coop	Dade City
Mr. John Martin	Talquin Electric Coop.	Quincy
Mr. C. R. Mayhew	Southeastern Tel. Co.	Tallahassee
Mr. M. N. Yancey	State Road Dept.	Tallahassee
Mr. Charles Pulley	City of Tallahassee	Tallahassee
Mr. R. V. Coleman	State Road Dept.	Tallahassee
Mr. Ralph Oswald	Florida Telephone Corp.	Ocala
Mr. R. H. Ferris	Florida Telephone Corp.	Leesburg
Mr. J. T. Bayer	Southern Bell Tel & Tel Co.	Jacksonville
Mr. Pete Hawkins	Winter Park Telephone Co.	Winter Park
Mr. J. W. Huggins	Winter Park Telephone Co.	Winter Park
Mr. Dick W. Judy	Florida Power Corporation	St. Petersburg
Mr. W. W. Snow	Florida Power Corporation	St. Petersburg
Mr. L. W. Abrams	Florida Power Corporation	Clearwater
Mr. L. S. Terrell	Western Union	Atlanta, Georgia
Mr. E. N. Butler	Suwanee Valley Elec. Coop	Live Oak
Mr. A. Tabanelli	Southeastern Telephone Co.	Tallahassee
Mr. Alan Wright	Florida Power & Light Co.	Daytona Beach
Mr. R. L. Stephens	F.E.C. Railroad	St. Augustine
Mr. Homer T. Welch, Jr.	Lee County Elec. Coop, Inc.	Ft. Myers
Mr. John Henderson	Winter Park Tel. Co.	Winter Park
Mr. R. L. Gittings	City of Jacksonville	Jacksonville
Mr. J. E. Cordell	City of Jacksonville	Jacksonville
Mr. Edgar R. Taylor, Sr.	City of Jacksonville	Jacksonville
Mr. Ivan Tilyou	Peace River Elec. Coop	Wauchula
Mr. Ben Darlington	General Telephone Co of Fla.	Tampa
Mr. A. L. Taylor	Tri-Co. Electric Cooperative	Madison

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Intents to construct were read and notice taken of objections in two cases, which were raised.

A suggestion was made by Mr. Ben Darlington that the Secretary furnish with the next Minutes, a complete list of representatives of the various members of the Committee.

There being no old business to come before the Committee, Chairman Henderson turned the meeting over to Mr. Stan Warth of the Southern Bell Telephone Company of Jacksonville, who spoke on hazards and accidents which had occurred by differences in grounding practices. He cited five cases of such accounts, some fatal, occurring in the Bell System.

Mr. R. E. Raymond of the Florida Power Corporation also spoke on this problem and he stated that his company was in favor of bolting all grounds to its system ground.

Mr. W. B. Crays asked for and received, information in regard to how this use of common ground would affect the Inter County Tel. & Tel. Company. The following men also joined in the general discussion and spoke in favor of Southern Bell Tel. & Tel. Company's ideas in regard to a common grounding procedure: Mr. A. L. Taylor, Coop. Manager, Mr. R. L. Gittings of the Utility Department of the City of Jacksonville, and Mr. Ben Darlington of the General Telephone Company of Florida.

A general discussion was started by Secretary Welch when he reported a recent accident which happened in his system caused by a hazardous installation of TV antenna. It was the general opinion that a legislation or regulation of the installation of these TV antennas was badly needed but everyone felt it was going to take a considerable amount of education on the part of all concerned, before such legislation could be brought into existence.

Mr. Stanley Warth made a talk on community antenna and closed circuit television.

Mr. Thomas M. Priest of the Withlacoochee River Electric Coop. at Dade City talked on the territorial dispute between their Cooperative and the Florida Power Corporation in which instance they felt the Florida Power Corporation was evading their territory with lines not needed to serve the people in their territory. The Cooperative asked the Coordinating Committee for suggestions on this matter as to how this could be arbitrated, stating they had lost four services from their system to the Florida Power Corporation because of these new lines. There were several objections raised by various members of the Committee in regard to the Coordinating Committee entering into any territorial disputes with members of the Coordinating Committee. After some general discussion among the members on this matter, it was agreed by all that these territorial disputes between members of the Coordinating Committee were not matters which could be properly considered by this Committee. They all felt this was a matter to be handled between this Cooperative and its wholesale supplier, the Florida Power

Corporation. Those present felt no action should be taken in regard to this matter and that as a guide for the future, no territorial disputes would be brought up before this group as they felt the Coordinating Committee had not been organized to handle such matters.

The subject was then changed and Mr. Yancey of the State Road Department stated the contractors and the State Road Department felt the new safety code as now drafted in regard to handling cranes when they are working in the vicinity of energized power lines would not be acceptable to either the contractor or the State Road Department. They felt further study of this matter and additional hearings must be held.

Mr. Ivan Tilyou of the Peace River Valley Electric Membership Coop., Inc. talked to the group on county wide inspection and what it would mean to the various companies which would suffer under the control of a county wide inspection. He told the Committee that Polk County is preparing to attempt the adoption of the county wide codes. He advised all of the Committee members to work with any group that would draw up bills to be approved by the State Legislature.

Those present then discussed where the next meeting would be held in August. Mr. G. M. Doyal of the Gulf Power Company stated that for some years he had tried to get the Committee to hold one of its meetings in West Florida. He would again like to invite the group to hold the next meeting in Pensacola. After some discussion of this matter, it was unanimously agreed that the next meeting be held on August 8, 1958, at Pensacola, Florida.

Several members of the Committee from South Florida requested Mr. Ben Darlington to see what plane reservations could be made for a group of the South Florida Committeemen to fly from South Florida to Pensacola. Mr. Darlington assured the group he would be glad to make reservations and would furnish information on flight schedules to all members who would write him on the subject.

The General Chairman complimented the group for its fine turnout for this meeting. This was one of the best attended and interesting meetings the Coordinating Committee has held in the past several years.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, on a motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously agreed to adjourn.

The Committee members were then served a very fine luncheon which was provided through the courtesy of Mr. Stanley Warth of the Southern Bell Telephone & Telegraph Company of Jacksonville, Florida.

Respectfully submitted,  
HOMER T. WELCH, JR.  
Secretary