

Special Meeting of
Florida Utilities Coordinating Committee
Tampa, Florida
October 19, 1972

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The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. and self-introductions were as follows:

Larry D. Housel	Dlouhy, Housel & Martinez	Tampa
Ken Brown	Tampa Electric Co.	Tampa
Mike Cawley	Hillsborough Co. Utilities	Tampa
Sterling S. White	Jacksonville Electric Authority	Jacksonville
R. H. Corn	Florida Gas Transmission	Winter Park
Bob Foote	Winter Park Tel. Co.	Winter Park
Bob Lyon	General Tel. Co. of Fla.	Tampa
James J. Lawler	Consultant	St. Pete
Robert D. Dean	Gulf Power Co.	Pensacola
Bert Chase	Florida Power & Light Co.	Miami
Merle Stephens	Jacksonville Electric Authority	Jacksonville
J. T. Harley	Florida Power & Light Co.	Miami
Lloyd A. Anderson	Tampa Electric Co.	Tampa
Norton Brockman	Southern Bell Tel. & Telegraph	Jacksonville
J. W. Tinsley	Orlando Utilities Commission	Orlanod
Joe D. High	Florida Power Corp.	St. Pete.
Wayne Lee	TelePrompTer	Tampa
Verne Brown	General Tel. Co. of Fla.	Tampa
Paul F. Mundy	General Tel. Co. of Fla.	Tampa
D. W. Richmond	Florida Power Corp.	St. Pete
W. W. (Bud) Vierday	Florida Power Corp.	St. Pete
Kenneth Head	Florida Telephone Co.	Leesburg
J. Harris	Florida Telephone Co.	Leesburg
Keith Ellis	Florida Telephone Co.	Leesburg
Jeffrey Rodgers	Peoples Gas System	Tampa
J. E. Hansford	Florida Gas Co.	Winter Park

Chairman Housel explained that the reason for the meeting was to discuss problems that utilities seem to be experiencing while trying to comply with a November 1, 1972 implementation date for the new Florida Manual on Traffic Controls and Safe Practices. The Manual on Traffic Controls and Safe Practices supersedes part VI of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices adopted nationally November 13, 1971 as required by Florida Law.

Chairman Housel called on utilities one at a time to comment on the new Florida Manual and comments generally were as follows:

1. The new procedures would cause hardships that utilities do not believe are necessary for safe work operations. For example, power companies use a one man crew for trouble operations day and night. Flagmen as required by this procedure would mean that all trouble trucks patrolling would require a minimum three men to do the work of one, normal three man crews would have to be increased to five, etc.
2. The procedures as shown in the Manual would cause delay in restoring service during emergencies. Reference is to number and distances of signs around or from the work area.
3. The State procedures on requirements for types of barricades are more stringent than the Federal requirements.
4. In some cases the number and sizes of barricades required cannot be hauled in the vehicles presently used by utilities.
5. Florida Laws Chapter 72-189, Senate Bill No. 566 allows a delay of implementation until 1975 for any public body or official but does not consider utilities. Utilities feel that a public hearing should be held on any document that could affect the public or utility overhead.

Chairman Housel asked for volunteers for a subcommittee to work on the problem. The following members agreed to serve on the committee:

Paul Mundy	General Telephone Co.	Tampa
Frank Parham	Southern Bell Tel. & Telegraph	Jacksonville
Ken Brown	Tampa Electric Co.	Tampa
Lloyd Anderson	Tampa Electric Co.	Tampa
Merle Stephens	Jacksonville Electric Authority	Jacksonville
Robert E. Dean	Gulf Power Co.	Pensacola
Jim Hansford	Florida Gas Co.	Winter Park
Bud Vierday	Florida Power Corp.	St. Pete
Wayne Lee	TelePrompTer	Tampa

Chairman Housel instructed the subcommittee that immediate contact with the Department of Transportation should be made to ask for a delay in implementation of the policy. The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.