

FLORIDA UTILITIES COORDINATING COMMITTEE

November 2, 1973

International Inn

Tampa, Florida

The following is a list of persons who signed the attendance sheet along with the companies they represent.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>FIRM</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
✓ A. N. Brockman	So. Bell Telephone Co.	Jacksonville, Fla.
✓ H. V. Gardner, Jr.	Orlando Utly. Comm.	Orlando, Fla.
✓ K. Brown	Tampa Electric Co.	Tampa, Fla.
✓ P. Mundy	Gen. Telephone Co.	Tampa, Fla.
✓ P. Edwards	A. T. & T. Company	West Palm Beach, Fla.
✓ W. A. Fitzsimmons	So. Bell Telephone Co.	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.
✓ R. P. Coombs	Dept. of Transportation	Tallahassee, Fla.
✓ K. D. Hood	Dept. of Transportation	Tallahassee, Fla.
✓ O. M. Campbell	Georgia Power Co.	Atlanta, Georgia
✓ W. J. Hogan	So. Bell Telephone Co.	Atlanta, Georgia
✓ E. M. Loyless	Tampa Electric Co.	Tampa, Fla.
✓ T. Granquist	So. Bell Telephone Co.	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.
✓ E. M. Williams	So. Bell Telephone Co.	Miami, Fla.
✓ H. Erwin	Fla. Power Corp.	St. Petersburg, Fla.
✓ R. W. Afeld	Gen. Telephone Co.	St. Petersburg, Fla.
✓ J. F. Siebel	Gen. Telephone Co.	St. Petersburg, Fla.
✓ R. H. Corn	Fla. Gas Trans. Co.	Winter Park, Fla.
✓ M. L. Young	Peoples Gas System	Tampa, Fla.
✓ J. D. Harp	Fla. Gas Trans. Co.	Winter Park, Fla.
✓ V. R. Brown	Gen. Telephone Co.	Tampa, Fla.
✓ W. C. Holmes	A. T. & T. Company	Orlando, Fla.
✓ J. Kain	✓ Storer Cable T. V.	Sarasota, Fla.
✓ B. Foote	✓ Winter Park Telephone	Winter Park, Fla.
✓ E. Thompson	Dept. of Transportation	Bartow, Fla.
✓ D. Mathews, Jr.	Sumter Electric Co.	Sumterville, Fla.
✓ B. A. Kempson, Jr.	Gulf Power Co.	Pensacola, Fla.
✓ F. W. Zander, Jr.	Fla. Power Corp.	St. Petersburg, Fla.
✓ T. J. Feeley	Fla. Power Corp.	St. Petersburg, Fla.
✓ W. W. Vierday	Fla. Power Corp.	St. Petersburg, Fla.
✓ J. M. Haynie	Dept. of Transportation	Deland, Fla.
✓ E. S. Boggs	J. E. Greiner Co.	Tampa, Fla.
✓ R. Sherling	Lee Co. Elect. Coop.	Ft. Myers, Fla.
✓ W. L. Anderson	Dept. of Transportation	Bartow, Fla.
✓ A. E. Zimmerman	Dept. of Transportation	St. Petersburg, Fla.
✓ J. W. Smithy	Dept. of Transportation	Lake City, Fla.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>FIRM</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
✓ D. S. Hoon, Jr.	City of St. Petersburg	St. Petersburg, Fla.
✓ J. C. Geddings	City of St. Petersburg	St. Petersburg, Fla.
✓ W. P. Doyle	United Tel. Co. of Fla.	Ft. Myers, Fla.
✓ H. Deno	Palatka Gas Authority	Palatka, Fla.
✓ R. F. Smith	Palatka Gas Authority	Palatka, Fla.
✓ C. W. Combee	Lakeland Water Div.	Lakeland, Fla.
✓ J. Harris	Fla. Telephone Corp.	Leesburg, Fla.
✓ L. Summers	Fla. Telephone Corp.	Leesburg, Fla.
✓ D. K. Smith	Lakeland Utilities	Lakeland, Fla.
✓ H. Howard	Gen. Telephone Co.	Clearwater, Fla.
✓ D. F. Johnson	Gen. Telephone Co.	Tampa, Fla.
✓ R. E. Olderman	Tampa Fire Dept.	Tampa, Fla.
✓ C. W. Matheny, Jr.	Dept. of Public Works	Tampa, Fla.

The November 2 meeting of the Florida Utilities Coordinating Committee was called to order by Chairman Norton Brockman (So. Bell, Jacksonville). As is customary, this was followed by self-introductions after which the Secretary read the minutes of the August 3 meeting which were then adopted as read.

Old Business

Mr. Paul Mundy, (Gen. Telephone, Tampa) Chairman of the Plant Protection Sub-committee made an interesting presentation of information gathered on the recent inspection trip taken by members of this Sub-committee to Hyattsville, Maryland and Syracuse, New York to observe their plant protection systems in operation. Slides were used to emphasize the points of interest. Following the presentation the Sub-committee's recommendations were presented in booklet form. The specific recommendations of the Committee as stated on Pages three through eight of the report were read to the full Committee and recommended for adoption at that time. A rather lengthy discussion followed concerning the need for such a program. The recommendation was seconded by Mr. Verne Brown (Gen. Telephone, Tampa) and the vote carried unanimously.

Mr. Pop Edwards (A. T. & T. Long Lines, West Palm Beach) requested assistance of the group in putting together a package of cable hazards and protection methods to be used in conjunction with the Committee's report when presenting the recommendations to various groups about the State who may be interested in implementing such a one number plant protection call system.

Mr. Bob Corn, (Fla. Gas Trans., Winter Park) Chairman of the Standing Committee reported on changes to the PPM 30-4 and since Mr. Roger Coombs (D. O. T., Tallahassee) was present he was asked to review the changes and modifications to PPM 30-4. Mr. Coombs stated that all secondary roads were being removed from PPM 30-4 and put under PPM 20-5 and that the major change in PPM 30-4 concerns the lump sum for reimbursable work. This is being changed from \$5,000 to \$10,000. He stated that all estimates were to be prepared just as before; however and that the Department of Transportation fiscal policy must be changed to reflect the increase to \$10,000. This is being done at the present time. All agreements must be changed to reflect the \$10,000 level also and a hoped for completion date on this is January 1, 1974. Mr. Ernest Salley (D.O.T.) asked Mr. Coombs to caution those present concerning engineering work done prior to a

letter of authorization. It was emphasized that any work done prior to the date on the letter of authorization was not reimbursable. Mr. Ken Brown (Tampa Electric, Tampa) pointed out that this was a situation where Engineering work was necessary before a preliminary estimate could be made to request reimbursement and yet this work would not qualify for reimbursement since it had to be done before the letter of authorization could be issued.

Another point which Mr. Salley ask Mr. Coombs to stress was concerning rights-of-way. On Federally funded projects where private easements are needed for road right-of-way and the utility is forced to go out and buy additional right-of-way, in your estimate for the project you must show the cost of aquisition of right-of-way. You are entitled to reimbursement for both the cost of the appraisal plus the land. If the additional right-of-way consists of a number of parcels then this should be shown on a sketch showing various parcels and the parcels numbered individually with the cost of each parcel indicated. The cost of the land can be a fair appraisal statement from the right-of-way section of the utility acquiring the land and does not necessarily have to be the actual purchased document.

Mr. Coombs also mentioned that a utility accommodations guide had been approved as of October 31 by D.O.T. personnel and should be approved by the Secretary of D.O.T. and printed by January, 1974.

The Standing Committee also reported on the topic of identification for overhead crossings for limited access highways. Mr. Corn reported that it was the feeling of the Standing Committee that a Sub-committee should be appointed for the purpose of discussing with the members of D.O.T. the type of identification to be used and to determine if the identification markers that most utilities already are in the process of using would serve this purpose. A Sub-committee was then nominated consisting of the following members:

Mr. Ken Brown, Tampa Electric Co., Tampa - to represent power.
Mr. Bill Fitzsimmons, So. Bell, Plant City - to represent telephone.
Mr. Pop Edwards, A T & T, West Palm Beach - to represent long lines.
Mr. Lee Young, Peoples Gas, Tampa - to represent gas companies.

The latter name was submitted because it was the feeling of some members present that perhaps identification should be extended to underground facilities as well, particularly on limited access right-of-way. The above named members were then elected without opposition to serve as the Sub-committee to investigate the plant identification methods with D.O.T.

Mr. B. A. Kempson, Chairman of the Utility Accommodations Guide reported on the public hearing which he attended in Tallahassee concerning presentation and adoption of the guide. He stated that the gas interest had presented a substantial case concerning the requirements of the guide as far as their industry is concerned. In the interim no information had been forthcoming from Tallahassee concerning the fate of the guide and the latest information was what Mr. Roger Coombs had presented earlier this meeting.

Mr. Ken Brown, Chairman of the Traffic Control Sub-committee was then called on for his report. Mr. Brown prefaced his remarks by a comment with regard to pole identification and the fact that identification didn't necessarily lend itself to just the limited access highways but that it was necessary to identify the plant in almost any area and he felt that most utilities were doing this by some means or other at the present time. He wondered if this type of identification wasn't sufficient to satisfy the needs of the D.O.T.

Mr. Brown then reported that he had received communication from Mr. Bob Freeman concerning a letter he had sent to Mr. Freeman of Visual Products Corp. concerning demonstrations that had been performed with traffic cones that were internally lighted for night use. Since this Committee is interested in eliminating the old Class B barricade because of its bulk and ease of being knocked over and at the same time since the Traffic Control Manual is in process of being revised and reissued in the near future, it would seem very opportune at this time to consider a product such as the internally lighted cones which could be used at night and possibly incorporate this in the drawings of the revised "Manual". Mr. Brown's response to Mr. Freeman was to point out that the Committee had produced drawings of urban conditions which created problems and presented them to the Traffic Control Committee in the D.O.T. sometime back only to have them rejected. He further pointed out that we were continuing to have problems complying with the Traffic Control Manual and if it were possible to redesign some of the traffic control methods, in particular the elimination of the Class B barricades, certainly we would be in favor of doing this.

Mr. Verne Brown, Chairman of the Color Code Sub-committee, reported that he had still been unable to find any National Committee that had a color code that they were recommending for national approval. He also reminded the group that in 1969 the

Florida Utilities Coordinating Committee had adopted a standard color code which it would recommend to all municipals and utilities for new work. Also within the past thirty to sixty days the St. Petersburg Utility Coordinating Committee had adopted the color code recommended by the Florida Utilities Coordinating Committee for use in their area. No further action was anticipated with regard to standard color code.

Mr. Brown stated that he had received a letter from the American Public Works Association concerning a meeting they were holding in Denver in which they were requesting all American Right-Of-Way members to attend and to make recommendations concerning the establishment of local utility coordinating committees in their areas. In response to this letter Mr. Brown took the liberty of supplying them with copies of this Committee's by-laws as well as those of several of the local utility coordinating committees in and around Tampa.

Mr. Verne Brown, also reporting on the space allocating sub-committee, mentioned the American Public Works Association also had a committee, of which he was a member, working on space allocation and that they were working on a report which emphasized the need for coordination in general on all projects. This report would be made as a recommendation to the Federal Highway Administration. It was tentatively scheduled for completion for the end of this year; however it probably will be extended over to the first or second quarter of next year now. They were particularly concerned over existing city ordinances and how they handled the various problems of new construction. A field study has been complete and is now being compiled for printing. Upon completion, copies were to be sent to all members of the Advisory Committee; however as of this date, Mr. Brown had not received a copy of this report.

Under old business Mr. Ed Williams (Southern Bell, Miami) brought up the desirability of combining the Florida Utilities Coordinating Committee meeting with the American Right-Of-Way Association meetings in order to eliminate unnecessary travel and reduce the number of times the various attendees would have to be absent from their jobs. This would also represent some economic benefits in the amount of travel to the various companies being represented. The advantages of a joint meeting appeared obvious and further discussion indicated that there was a good possibility that the August meeting of the Florida Utilities Coordinating Committee may be so scheduled to coincide with the American Right-Of-Way Association and that they should be contacted in order to establish

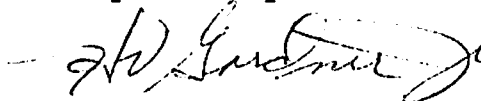
some scheduling of the two meetings. Chairman Brockman stated he would contact the Chairman of the American Right-Of-Way Association in an effort to combine the August Florida Utilities Coordinating Committee meeting with the American Right-Of-Way Association.

At this time the meeting was turned over to the guest speaker, Mr. Richard Simmons of Power-Tel-Utility Sales. Mr. Simmons presented an extremely interesting talk in conjunction with slides on a recently developed technique for subsurface profiling of buried plant. From the questions that followed, it was obvious a great deal of interest was generated among those present. Anyone wishing further information should contact the organization directly at P. O. Box 1739, Plant City, Florida, 33566 or Phone AC 813-754-3582.

New Business

Mr. Brockman thanked Mr. Simmons for his presentation and asked if there was any new business. No new business was presented and so the meeting was adjourned after which Mr. Verne Brown was thanked for arranging to have General Telephone host the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,



H. V. Gardner, Jr.
Secretary