

FLORIDA UTILITIES

Coordinating Committee

11-5-76

NOVEMBER 1976

HAWAIIAN VILLAGE

TAMPA, FLORIDA

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

NAME

Ray Afeld Barney Bonfiglio Carlton Gray M. Shoaib V. A. Bone W. L. Childs, Jr. Paul A. Daignault y Curtis C. Melton A. W. Landers B. A. Kempson, Jr. Verne R. Brown R. Kent Masterson Ed M. Williams Jim Frankford A. E. Zimmerman M. K. Myers George Namie, III Jose M. Rojas Horace M. Erwin, Jr. Bud Vierday Pop Edwards Wm. R. Lambert Tom Wingo Paul Mundy John Clark John Laliotis Bob Conser Charles W. Matheny, Jr. V Ray C. Colby M. R. Dunn William Bagley

Armin Longoria

Tom Priest

Jim Wright

FIRM

Utility Notification Center Florida Gas Company Fla. Public Service Commission Fla. Public Service Commission Plant City Natural Gas Co. DOT Bartow DOT Tallahassee DOT Bartow (RR) DOT Ft. Myers Gulf Power Company General Telephone Co. of Fla. Southern Bell Southern Bell General Telephone Co. of Fla. DOT St. Petersburg DOT Bartow Dept. of Sanitary Sewers Dept. of Sanitary Sewers Florida Power Corporation Florida Power Corporation American Tel. & Tel. Co. Peace River Elect. Peace River Elect. General Telephone Company United Telephone Company City of Tampa - Water Dept. General Telephone Company Dept. of Public Works - Tampa Florida Gas Company Gulf Power Company Gulf Power Company Florida Gas Company Sebring Utilities Com. Fla. Dept. of Transportation

LOCATION

Tampa, Fla.

St. Petersburg, Fla. Tallahassee, Fla. Tampa, Fla. Plant City, Fla. Bartow, Fla. Tallahassee, Fla. Bartow, Fla. Ft. Myers, Fla. Pensacola, Fla. Tampa, Fla. Miami, Fla. Miami, Fla. Sarasota, Fla. St. Petersburg, Fla. Bartow, Fla. Tampa, Fla. Tampa, Fla. St. Petersburg, Fla. St. Petersburg, Fla. West Palm Beach, Fla. Wauchula, Fla. Wauchula, Fla. Tampa, Fla. Avon Park, Fla. Tampa, Fla. Tampa, Fla. Tampa, Fla. Winter Park, Fla. Pensacola, Fla. Pensacola, Fla. Avon Park, Fla. Sebring, Fla. Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

Chuck Hanle

Ken Brown

Mark Latch

James Reed

Don Johnson

Larry Claxon

Cris Anderson

T. K. Chancey

W. H. Anderson

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V. B. Nolan

Gene Redman

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M. E. Garlotte

Jim Kellermann

W. L. Anderson

Emilio Fernandez

James W. Register 🏏

J. M. Haynie

Frank Lock

Larry Ivey

Bob Corn

Jim Bahr

Doug Stuart

Peter W. Aldredge

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Southern Bell Tampa Electric Company

Fla. Dept. of Environmental Reg.

Fla. DOT Fla. DOT Fla. DOT

City of Plant City Dept. of Trans.

General Telephone Co. Tampa Electric Com

Jax. Elect. Authority

Fla. DOT Permits

Florida Power & Light Co. Florida Power & Light Co.

Lee Co. Electric Coop. Florida Gas Company

Florida Gas Transmission Co.

Florida Gas Transmission Co. Orlando Utilities Commission

Orlando Utilities Commission Orlando Utilities Commission

Jax. Electric Authority

General Telephone Company of Fla.

Sumter Elect. Coop.

DOT

General Waterworks American Tel. & Tel. Co. LOCATION

Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

Tampa, Fla.

St. Petersburg, Fla.

Tallahassee, Fla. Tallahassee, Fla.

Tallahassee, Fla.

Plant City, Fla.

Tampa, Fla.

Tampa, Fla.

Tampa, Fla.

Jacksonville, Fla.

Bartow, Fla. Miami, Fla.

Sarasota, Fla.

Ft. Myers, Fla. Winter Park, Fla.

Lakeland, Fla. Winter Park, Fla.

Orlando, Fla.

Orlando, Fla.

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Jacksonville, Fla.

Tampa, Fla.

Sumterville, Fla.

Bartow, Fla.

Deland, Fla.

Winter Park, Fla.

Jacksonville, Fla.



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The November 5, 1976 meeting was called to order by Chairman, Mr. John Clark at 9:00 AM at the Hawaiian Village in Tampa. Self-introductions were made. Minutes of the August meeting were read by Ray Colby; they were accepted as read.

- OLD BUSINESS -

Paul Mundy - Chairman of "Above Ground Appurtenances on DOT Rights-of-Way" Subcommittee -

Paul sent a letter to Bill Morris, DOT, Tallahassee, dated August 10, 1976. Letter was read regarding the Recommendations to DOT for Above Ground Appurtenances. Paul reviewed these recommendations, which went to Bill Morris. (See Attachment 1)

Paul received a call from Bill Morris on August 10 and Bill wanted to make the following changes: New Item 6. New Item 7 - Delete of 6,000 pounds, and delete new Item 9. (See Attachment 2)

Paul transmitted a letter to sub-committee members on August 26, 1976 (Attachment 3). Items 1 - 5 and 8 were accepted by DOT without change. Reply was received back.

On September 24, 1976, Paul wrote a letter to Mr. Morris (Attachment 4).

On October 8, 1976, Paul received a letter from Bill Morris (Attachment 5).

Bill Morris sent Paul a copy of a memo dated October 15, 1976 (Attachment 6), which has been sent to DOT District Maintenance Engineers making effective immediately these guidelines.

Now going back - The Department has accepted our recommendations 1 - 5 and Item 8. They have excluded from the recommendations the New Item 9. Their thinking in this is that Item 9 is covered in Item 6. Paul stated we have gained a lot since the initial memorandums issued by the Department. From the sub-committee's standpoint, we should take no further action as a committee on these guidelines.

Comments were suggested.

- Discussion followed regarding the Florida Public Service Commission's involvement in above ground appurtenances. Paul sent subject letter dated October 15, 1976 to Lamar Cockrell. Paul was not sure what Lamar would say, so there will probably be some discussion between the Public Service Commission and DOT in Tallahassee.
- Carlton Gray said he would ask Lamar to contact Bill Morris when he gets back to Tallahassee to get this resolved and possibly an explanation by memorandum.

Paul said that as a result of Item 7, as far as his company believes, each permit does not have a structural design for a manhole on it. In other words, a certification one time on structural design, should do it.

Ed Williams - Do you want a recommendation even though the State has already issued it to the field?

The recommendation of the sub-committee is that we neither object or adopt. Ken Brown made a motion to table the whole matter. Seconded by Roswell. Vote - 2 opposed to tabling this amendment. Motion passed.

Ken Brown - Chairman of "Joint Pole Use Master Agreement" Sub-Committee -

This is more of an annual report, rather than approval, as our committee has only met one time on August 27, 1976. (Attachment 7). I understand from Carter Holley that some of these items have been rejected already. Using this method would eliminate a great deal of paper work for this agreement. I will plan more meetings on this and hopefully get Earnest Salley in the next meeting and try to get a general type of agreement like we have between power companies and telephone companies, where the agreement would cover everywhere where we are in joint use.

I mentioned this to Earnest Salley at the last right-of-way meeting and he said it just cannot be done. I want to pursue it further as things have changed since the last joint use agreement was negotiated with the DOT. I want to introduce hold harmless and indemnity clauses that could possibly take the place of some of this insurance.

Most of the items in this agreement were, in my point of view, minor, except for the insurance clauses. Not all of the utilities have agreed with what we have come up with on insurance. Our committee members do agree, but are not sure that their companies do agree. There is one major company that feels that the insurance requirements should be higher.

Ken discussed recommended changes to Joint Pole Use Agreement (Attachment 7). Ken asked for any discussion or comments, and if no one has questions or suggestions, now write me a letter. One other thing in reviewing and working on this agreement, we forgot all about a termination clause, we must have such a clause.

Bud Vierday - Chairman "Street Lighting" Sub-Committee -

Bud reviewed the reasons for this committee being established. I was recommended at the August meeting to write a letter to Jay Brown (Attachment 8) resolving our concern for approving permits, but explaining our main problem was in regard to new design DOT has proposed for street light bases.

Bud read the letter from R. E. Magahey (Attachment 9). We have not met since receipt of Mr. Magahey's letter, but our position now is to solicit comments from the group as to direction as to where we should proceed from here, regarding foundation matter.

Discussion followed regarding location and base. Problems discussed by the following:

Ed Williams Pop Edwards Bob Corn Chris Anderson

Ken Brown Bill Anderson

Bob Corn made recommendation for the guidelines for this committee that we accept the letter as so stated unless further developments arise. The sub-committee has no further action at this time to take. Ed Williams objected to this particular item. Ray Colby made a motion that this item be tabled until any other problem arises on it, copies be furnished stating their recommendations and how they will handle it. Motion seconded by Ken Brown. Vote - 2 opposed. Motion approved.

Walter Anderson - Chairman "Jacking and Boring" Sub-Committee -

This committee was formed in February to work with the DOT on their desire to issue a supplement to the Utility Accommodation Guide to cover the placement of conduits under state roads by jacking and boring methods. Our committee has met in September and October; we had two members of the DOT present and we made real progress. The last meeting had present some jacking and boring contractors in attendance to get their input to some of the terms and conditions which DOT wants to include in the agreement. We are awaiting written replies from them now. We can resolve the question and present a reasonable procedure for your approval at the next meeting.

The main questions are: Whether or not it is suitable to use plastic conduit under state roads. The other question is how to write the material specifications into the guide. The third question is the wording of the operating guidelines; how to position the auger on the boring machines in respect to the end of the conduit and how it varies to different types of soil.

No questions or comments.

Ed Williams - Chairman - "Traffic Controls" Sub-Committee -

Ed wrote to the safety engineers of Florida DOT in Tallahassee in reference to letter which is attached to your minutes of the previous meeting. Regarding the Manual on Traffic Controls and Safe Practices for Street and Highway Construction Maintenance and Utility Operations. Part 6 revised. The State is in the process of revising, rewriting and updating this manual. I wrote a letter on October 12, 1976 (Attachment 10) and received a letter back from Mr. Dan F. Turnbull (Attachment 11).

This sub-committee met on November 4, 1976 here in Tampa consisting of myself, Paul Mundy, Don Richmond, Gene Redman, Carlton Gray, Robert Hanle, Jim Bahr, Bill Bagley, Larry Ivey, John Clark. Mr. Turnbull's letter was not fully understood because in once sense he talked about making up the draft and then when he said he was going to finalize the draft they were going to adopt it, then they are going to let us comment on it. We called them on the telephone and Mr. Turnbull did not want to attend our meeting, or his representatives. So, our committee wrote a letter to Mr. Turnbull. Mr. Lloyd Anderson of Tampa Electric wrote the letter for the committee (Attachment 12) Letter was read.

Nothing can be done now until we get the draft. I will follow up on this every 30 days.

Carter Holley - Chairman Master Agreement of Construction Modification Subcommittee -

Carter talked this over with Earnest Salley, and our office up there has not received but maybe 10 or 15 in the last year to 18 months. He feels like we need a tally of how much the need is down here. He requested going by company, can you give him an approximate amount you would go through each year so we can more or less make one up if it is needed. Because if there is a small volume, there is no need in having one. This is joint projects in construction modifications which is adjusting the manholes like repaving, etc. Most of these are worked out between the contractor and the utility company itself; it never comes to DOT, just on negotiations. Now, if you want to go through DOT and have us pay for it and make it all official, usually if you do the normal form we have now, it's going to cut out possibly a week or two going through the legal hassel and our legal hassel. If we get this master agreement, we do it once then we have change order and you write us a letter authorizing us to initiate a change order which goes through a lot faster.

Discussion followed:

<u>Bill Anderson</u> - We have the ability of the DOT to have our contractor do your work for you at your cost. I do not think DOT could give you any idea of the amount that they would be involved unless they knew what our resurface program was.

Walt Childs - I have estimated that we will have in the next year a minimum of 30 projects from my district where we could use the master agreement.

Jim Wright - Not only on resurfacing projects, but this could also be used on major construction projects where you have manholes to be adjusted. So it would not be restricted to just resurfacing. We should find out how many utility companies would be in favor or using them.

Ray Colby - In reference to insurance - some of our companies require certain types of insurance coverage because of the facilities that are in those manholes. Will there be a clause in this to include the insurance required by that company?

Ken Brown - Ken thinks we ought to have a joint project agreement cut out for the specific type of project where you sign the agreement for each project first.

<u>Chris Anderson</u> - Some places have other amenities besides telephone, etc., such as public works, etc., and governmental agencies. With each governmental agency has some control over how his facilities will be raised, etc. End up with spending a lot of money to raise a manhole cover.

<u>Verne Brown</u> - Does not see much difference between getting up a master agreement to raise manholes - just on joint pole use.

<u>Ray Colby</u> - In regard to Florida Gas Distribution our company is interested in it, but not limiting it to manholes, as water companies and other utilities, we have valve boxes that get buried all the time we cannot find, so not necessarily limit it to manhole covers.

A great deal more research needs to go into this and the sub-committee will meet and do more work. If you have any input, call Walt Childs.

<u>Guest Speaker</u> - Bob Spearman, President of Spearman Marine, Miami specializing in submarine cables. He showed slides on various jobs on burying cables. Questions followed.

- NEW BUSINESS -

<u>Chuck Hanle</u> - Southern Bell and <u>Mark Latch</u> - Dept. of Environmental Regulations - Senate Bill 1340 -

Chuck Hanle - This bill is effective now, but no notification has been made. I applied for a submarine permit application from the State, as I was crossing a portion of the intercoastal waterway that was not a natural body of water. This bill was passed in June 1976 in Tallahassee which gave the jurisdiction for any such State owned lands back to the board of trustees. We are right back to where we were a couple years ago. The bill states that anyone requesting a permit to cross such State lands would have to obtain a permit or easement or whatever rights required by the board of trustees to cross that land. I talked with our local Dept. of Environmental Regulations people in West Palm Beach and they do not have any guidelines on this bill at all. (Attachment 13).

I wrote a letter to Dave Breck in Tallahassee at the Dept. of Natural Resources requesting what they need from us to complete this application. I have not received an answer from him as yet.

Mark Latch - Spoke of only his local district which encompasses Sarasota, Manatee, Hillsborough, Polk, Pinellas, Pasko, Hernando, Citrus, Lee, Harvey, and minor pieces of other counties. Other district offices may handle this a little different. We have put this bill into our standard procedures, so I will attempt to clear this up. When a permit application comes into our office I review it. The application is reviewed for its completeness. I then send a memo with a copy of the application and any drawings to Charles Horn at Dept. of Natural Resources stating that this will require easement, will require purchase of submerged lands, if there is some dredging and materials to be dug off the bottom and not replaced. Then the Dept. of Natural Resources goes into action. Answering one question - when you are crossing state owned lands, you need an easement. We then send back to the applicant a copy of the completeness summary which I keep and a note or paragraph or letter is attached stating that state owned lands appear to be involved and an easement will be necessary. So any time you are going to cross a natural creek or river or water that appears to be on State owned land, get an easement going. It usually takes 2 months to issue the easement.

Ken Brown - Why are you taking the attitude that it is necessarily requiring an easement? Or a license such as you issue now?

<u>Mark Latch</u> - The Dept. of Environmental Regulations (our agency) does not have control of State owned lands.

A sub-committee has been established on Senate Bill 1340 headed by Chuck Hanle as Chairman. Bud Vierday and Ken Brown on committee.

<u>Mark Latch</u>- stated that they are bound by the Dept. of Natural Resources. He has the permits already to go, but has to wait for approval from Dept. of Natural Resources. He is doing his best to hurry these up.

Is DOT Right-of-Way the same as State owned right-of-way? Mark replied - Yes. Our interpretation and Dept. of Natural Resources' interpretation is the same. Various discussions followed.

Carter Holley - National Electric Safety Code

The overhead portion of this has been revised and approved. It is so full of garbage you cannot believe what they put in it. I am going to do my best to fight it. It will effect DOT and the utilities that have to live under these regulations. The underground portion of this code is being revised. I have a copy of a paper presented on this matter at the SEE on October 14, 1976 (Attachment 14).

Ken Brown - Discussed requirements of Corp. of Engineers. Regarding permits for overhead wire crossings and waterways - that the permitee will furnish within 30 days after completion of the work and as built drawings certified by a registered engineer or surveyor showing the actual clearance of the lowest wire above MHW at channel crossing, and the air temperature at the time of measurement.

Judy Barnett - meeting with Corp of Engineers - November 16 in Jacksonville.

People on this committee - Bud Vierday - Subcommittee Chairman
Judy Barnett
Vic Gardner
Ralph Edmonson
Tom Priest
Ken Brown
Verne Brown

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman John Clark.

The next meeting will be February 4, 1977 at 9:00 AM at the Holiday Inn at I-4 and Rt. 436, Orlando-Altamonte Springs. The sponsor will be The Winter Park Telephone Company.

Respectfully submitted,

Ray C. Colby

Secretary

Attachments