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### SPRING MEETING MINUTES

Key Largo, Florida, May 4, thru May 6, 2005

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**Historian**

Tom Dugger  
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Chairman Lawree Washington called the meeting to order at 8:40 A.M. He gave his opening remarks that were followed by Jerrold Whit's Invocation and Tribute to the flag. Self-introductions of those in attendance found 61 at this Business Meeting.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT** – Kim Wiley was unable to attend this meeting. John Murphy gave the report. John reported that the minutes from the last meeting are currently posted on the web site. Copies were E-mailed to the membership last week. Several copies of the minutes were available for those who did not have access to the web.

A motion was made by Sally Prescott and second by Vinnie LaVallette to waive the reading of the Secretary's Minutes. They were approved as written and will be posted on the web site. The group was reminded of the E-mail Group for the FUCC. To become a member of the group send an E-Mail to [FUCC@callsunshine.com](mailto:FUCC@callsunshine.com). In the subject line, type the word: subscribe, you will automatically be added to the group and will be receiving all future electronic mail outs. The FUCC web site is up and running at the old address: <http://www.fucc.org>.

**ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE** – This report is being provided to the membership of activities that occurred shortly after the SPRING Meeting. It was with regrets that the President accepted the resignation of Kim Wiley, Verizon, as the Secretary of the FUCC. Kim has accepted another position within Verizon, which requires her full time attention, and takes her away from the FUCC meetings. We wish her the best and know that this was an opportunity the Kim could not afford to let pass by. As a result, Vince Montgomery, OUC-Electric, who had been nominated to assume the responsibilities as Secretary in August 2005, was moved into that position, effective June 2005. The Nominating Committee was asked to provide another candidate for the position of Secretary at the Summer meeting of the organization.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** – Jan Ash, Treasurer

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Jan was unable to be present at this meeting. Vinnie Lavalette made her report. A detailed report should be available for the next meeting. The attendance at this meeting included 92 who pre-registered. There was 76 who attended, plus only three additional, who attended the Workshop

**Beginning Balance as of 3/31/05** \$ 11,719.64

**Income**

Pre-Registration (@ \$50 each)	60	\$ 3,000.00	
On-Site Registration (@ \$60 each)	16	\$ 960.00	
Workshop Only (@ \$20 each)	4	\$ 80.00	
Hospitality Suite Tip Jar		\$ 38.00	
			\$ 4,078.00

**Expenses**

Incorporation Registration (State of Florida)		\$ 70.00	
Acteva Fees		\$ 240.00	
May Meeting		\$ 4,960.00	
SSOCOF Golf Sponsorship		\$ 175.00	
Hospitality		\$ 210.70	
Door Prizes		\$ 120.35	
Gratuity		\$ 60.00	
Meeting Planner Fee		\$ 1,775.00	
Supplies and Printing		\$ 167.75	
			\$ 7,778.80

**Ending Balance** \$ 8,018.84

**HISTORIAN'S REPORT** – The following report was prepared by Tom Dugger and presented by Gary Monday:

**FIFTY YEARS AGO – MAY, 1955**

CHAIRMAN – H. L. Martin, Florida Keys Electric Co-op  
 VICE CHAIRMAN – R. S. Davis, Florida Power and Light Company  
 SECRETARY – C. R. Mayhew, Southern Telephone Company, Tallahassee, FL.

**NO MINUTES OF THIS MEETING**

**TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO: MAY 2, 1980,  
 SHERATON YANKEE TRADER HOTEL, FT. LAUDERDALE, FL.**

ATTENDANCE: TELEPHONE 12, POWER 14, FDOT 9, GAS 4, COUNTIES 4, ONE CALL CENTER 3, CONSULTANTS 3, CITIES 2. A TOTAL OF 53.

CHAIRMAN – HORACE IRWIN, FLORIDA POWER CORP.  
 VICE CHAIRMAN – TED CARLSON, FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT CO.  
 SECRETARY – C. E. HANLE, SOUTHERN BELL TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH CO.

Members who attended that meeting that are still active in the FUCC are Dennis LaBelle, Walt Childs and Rocky DePrimo.

People's Gas Systems put on a safety program and showed a film concerning liquid propane gas explosions and fires.

Members made a report on a visit on April 25, 1980 to the Coordinating Committee in Savannah, Georgia. A presentation was made to that body outlining the liaison structure of the Florida group its evolution and present status.

FDOT addressed the following subjects.

1. It was recommended the Utility accommodation Guide be left as a guide and not made a Rule.
2. The DOT will no longer plot utilities on their right-of-way maps thereby making the records of utility companies more important
3. Joint pole agreements. The responsibility of pole maintenance was transferred from the State to the Counties

The subject of Bike Paths was brought up. It was stated that a trial would be set up in Gainesville, Florida. A representative was appointed to work with the City of Gainesville and the DOT.

### FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT REPORTS

**District One – Jerrold Whitt, Dep. District Utility Administrator**

District One's annual Liaison meeting was held on March 31, 2005 in Sarasota. There were approximately seventy-five in attendance. Vinnie LaVallette Chaired this meeting and their speakers were:

- Karen Lucas – Verizon – speaking on underground construction issues.
- Ed Ponce – FDOT Design – speaking on Electronic Plans Deliverables.
- David Runte – Florida Gas Transmission Co. – speaking on the efforts involved in relocations of a high-pressure gas main.
- Vinnie Lavallette- TBE Group- speaking on electrical safety
- Valeria Tutor – spoke on Work Place Partnering

The next District Liaison Meeting will be in March of 2006

**District Two – No Report**

**District Three – No Report**

**District Four – Rocky DePrimo**

The District continues to support the utility industry by E-mailing notifications to those who subscribe of the letting and productions cycles. Copies of status reports are also available by E-mail. The utility industry should review all of these reports and contact the District Utility Office with questions. The utility industry also needs to understand the Department is going to electronic marking of plans as soon as possible. Technical assistance is available from the District upon request.

**District Five – Gary Bass, District Utility/Value Engineering Administrator**

- The approved Five Year Work Plan is available and will be mailed within the next months to the utility owners with the District.
- The February District Liaison Meeting was canceled because of a very limited response from the industry. The District office is asking the industry to advise them of there is a better time of year and locations to hold the meeting for next year. All utility owners in the fifth District are encouraged to support the local Utility Group meetings.
- The QA/QC process for the Utility Department is beginning to show limited progress. The Utility Office is seeing some responses and resolution of utility issues from consultant coordinators, along with some primavera schedules proving out the utility plan and Work Schedule.

**District Six – NO REPORT**

**District Seven – Sally Prescott**

The District Utility Liaison Conference was held on April 1, 2005. We had an interesting motivational speaker to start thing off, followed by two speakers on local major interchange projects. They discussed the specific challenges they had to deal with on each project. The District Specifications Engineer gave an update on the PEDD's programs for electronic submittals.

District 7 has taken the position to adjust all manhole rings, and valve boxes on projects, provided the utility owner supplies the risers/box and identify those adjustment locations on their plans and Utility Works Schedules. A corresponding pay item & plan note would be added to the plans.

**TURNPIKE ENTERPRISE DISTRICT – James G. Kervin, Turnpike Utility Engineer**

**MEDIAN GUARDRAIL** Three of the Median Guardrail projects have been completed. Over 150 miles through eight Counties will be added in the final product

The Turnpike is also adding Cable Guard Rails at several test locations. These projects are to be completed in July 2005.

**SUNCOAST II** – Twenty-seven miles of new roadway will be added in the near future.

Utility Easement on future project will be directed to and through the Turnpike/s R/W Office.

**CENTRAL OFFICE**

**Utility Accommodation Manual (UAM)** – The Central Office staff look favorably to adoption of the UAM by the next FUC meeting. Any questions from this group should be forwarded to David Kuhlman.

There is a management change; Freddie Simmons retired for the DOT affected last Wednesday. As the State Highway Engineer, he was the key liaison and appeals person in the DOT per the UAM rule.

**Utility Avoidance Training** – Since the last FUCC meeting five four-hour sessions have been conducted (Chipley, Jacksonville, Miami, Orlando, and Tampa). Two more sessions will be completed before the next meeting. They will be in Clearwater, at Tampa Bay Engineering's office and at the ASCE meeting in Marco Island.

**AASHTO Meeting-** This is a last minute invitation to attend this meeting, if you can schedule it, May 15 through 19 in Austin Texas.

**SUNSHINE STATE ONE CALL CENTER – Cheryl Ritter**

The Annual Meeting of Sunshine One Call will be held on May 19<sup>th</sup> at the Center in Debary. Following the Annual meeting will be the Annual Golf Tournament on May 20<sup>th</sup>... This year, Hole #7, will feature a TOYOTA Tundra Truck as the prize for a hole in one.

Total tickets response volume is up from last year to 1,478,749 requests.

Transmissions to utility owners are up to, as would be expected, 10,491,000, a 22.64% increase over the same time last year.

Phone calls to the Center in March had an increase of 10% more than one year ago, and up 13.08 % for the year to date. Incoming ticket volume for March 2005, year to date was 50% by telephone, 40% Internet and 10% by FAX. Total membership is currently 698 Primary Members and 201 Associate Members.

DESIGN ticket request should be available via the web-base in December 2005.



## INTEREST GROUP REPORTS

### JOINT USE – Don Anthony Chairman – [don.anthony@mybrighthouse.com](mailto:don.anthony@mybrighthouse.com)

Three people attended this subcommittee meeting. There were discussion on Joint Trenched, which have the potent ional to speed up construction, projects, save space within the limited real estate. It is very costly and if more utility owners got involved, the cost can be reduced.

### POWER - Jeanne Rodgers, Progress Energy Chairperson

#### Power Interest Group Attendees May 5th, 2005

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#### Item discussed were:

- Mast Arm Signal installations
- Under grounding of aerial facilities Driven by the damage from last years storm and the perceptions restoration would be faster.
- The upcoming I-4/ Sr408 Interim Interchange Improvement in downtown Orlando and it impacts.
- Railway issues and permitting across the railway R/W



**TELECOMMUNICATIONS & UNDERGROUND Interest Groups held a joint meeting.**

Jim Lormann brought up the subject of an additional Agreement for the adjacent R/W owner to provide is being implemented in District Three. He also made a power point presentation of the subject of SPRINT's concern, with copies of the documents to be completed. It appears that a recent change in the Management team at This District has institutes some requirements for obtaining a Utility Permit that are not addressed in the Utility Accommodations Manual. SPRINT is concerned because of the additional approval of adjacent R/E property owners could delay approval of a Utility Permit.

After some lengthy discussions, it was suggested that this committee provide all of the information available to the Chairman for study by the Administrative Committee, before a letter of concerns would be drafted and sent to the Department. It was felt that more details of this requirement will need to be discussed. A copy of the proposed letter to the Department follows, as presented to Chairman Washington:

*At the May 5, 2005, Spring Meeting of the Florida Utility Coordination Committee (FUCC) a permit issue was discussed that could have long range impact on how utility companies provide affordable and timely service to the public.*

*A presentation was made to the Telecommunications Interest Group Committee (Subcommittee) relevant to the denial by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) of an application for a use permit submitted by Sprint. The specific denial of the application was based on an incomplete application; all other requirements were met as evidenced by an acknowledgement letter by the Permits Manager. The application did not have an adjoining property owner's executed "Waiver of Rights Against DOT", hereinafter referred to as a "Waiver". The Waiver is a new form being required by the FDOT as a condition to the FDOT's issuance of a use permit to utility companies allowing them to use public rights of way (Permit) in District Three.*

*The requirement of the Waiver introduces an adversarial third party to the permitting process and could interrupt or restrict inter and intra state commerce by delaying or denying service to the public.*

*The requirement of the Waiver as a condition to the issuance of a Permit is not found in the Utilities Accommodations Manual or in the Florida statutes.*

*The Subcommittee requested that the FUCC steering committee recommend sending to FDOT a formal notice of FUCC's opposition to this requirement. The FUCC steering committee unanimously agreed to the request and instructed the Chairman to send a notice letter to FDOT regarding such opposition.*

*FUCC feels strongly that the requirement of this Waiver would cause a delay or denial of Permits. Therefore, this letter is to notify FDOT of FUCC's opposition to the requirement of the Waiver. FYI*

The Following is a copy and follow up response to this issue

-----Original Message-----

From: Lawree Washington [<mailto:lrwashington@tecoenergy.com>]

Sent: Monday, May 23, 2005 9:12 AM

To: Lormann, Jim R [CC]

Subject: Fwd: Utility Issue From District 3 James, as promised, this is the e-mail that was sent to me from Mr. Greer, please take a look and let me know what you think.

thanks

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>>> <[Robert.Greer@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:Robert.Greer@dot.state.fl.us)> 5/19/2005 3:17:46 PM >>>

Attached is a power point presentation that was presented by James R. Lormann of Sprint at a recent FUCC meeting. I personally did not attend the meeting, however we did have some employees at the presentation, and they have briefed me on what was presented. Unfortunately some of the information does not fully represent our side of the issues. I thought it was important that all of the issues be explained by us so there would not be any misunderstandings. I will further explain the issues. Feel free to share this with your members.



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Concern was expressed that Sprint had to work through our asset manager in District 3 to get their permit and felt it would be more appropriate to go through FDOT. Because of the shortage of personnel and their desire to respond as quickly as possible, District 3 has the asset management contractor coordinate and gather the pertinent information regarding the permit. The actual permit is approved by the district after a review of the information gathered by the asset management contractor. Although we recognize the desire of the utility industry to work directly with FDOT through the whole process, District 3 feels their process is necessary to maintain their work load and is in accordance with our agreement with the utility industry in regards to outsourcing utility permits.

Concern was expressed that District 3 was eliminating above ground structures from the right of way. District 3 has not required the elimination of all above ground equipment from the right of way. What they have said is that for large above ground installations (which can by the UAM be as large as 80 cf, and they often include a concrete slab, stone around the edge and a fence ), the district wants to ensure themselves that the utility has made a reasonable effort to locate the facility on non-DOT property for reasons of safety and aesthetics. With that assurance the district will allow it to be located on FDOT right of way. They have assured us that the ultimate solutions at these locations will be reasonable for all parties.

Concern has been expressed that District 3 has required the utilities to get a right-of-way waiver from the adjacent property owners for these large above ground utility installations. District 3 does not require these waivers for normal everyday utility installations. They only require the waiver for the large above ground installations that could limit a property owner's access to their property. These access limitations could be deemed a right of way taking, and the Department and property owner need to be protected from that very real possibility.

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>>> "Lormann, Jim R [CC]" <[james.r.lormann@mail.sprint.com](mailto:james.r.lormann@mail.sprint.com)> 5/23/2005  
5:35:00 PM >>>

Lawree, I read the e mail from Greer. 1) As he states "he was not there and has received second hand information.2) He stated that Sprint did not like working through FDOT Contractors to obtain a permit. This is not correct and Sprint has no objection to processing request to whomever DOT directs the utility.3) He indicated that DOT was not eliminating all above ground equipment from the right of way. According to Jimmy Rogers, District 3 Director of Operations, as stated in the February 2005 Sprint/DOT meeting, it is his intent to eliminate all above ground structures from the Right of Way. 4) He further states that DOT wants to ensure the Utility has made reasonable efforts to locate on non-DOT property. Sprint typically seeks private easements (due to the fact that Sprint would have to absorb the cost to relocate the facilities if DOT required additional R/W and Sprint does not have eminent domain rights in FL) and only as a last resort approaches DOT for a permit. 5) Greer indicates that DOT is requiring the Waiver of Rights for only large equipment but the request was rejected not on size but for not obtaining the Waiver. Greer does not define "Large" therefore this requirement appears to apply to all units regardless of size. NOTE: The proposed equipment meets the DOT 80 cubic feet standard per VMS Permit Manager's signed statement. Sprint's request of the FUCC is to take a position opposing the new form that requires obtaining a "Waiver of Rights" from adjoining property owners to obtain permits. FUCC is the organization that provides recommendations to FDOT and serves as a conduit between the utilities and FDOT. If Sprint or any other utility that does not have Eminent Domain Rights is required to obtain this document, it will potentially delay or deny the utility from providing service to the public. FUCC can not dictate FDOT policy or procedures and this letter only serves a recommendation. FUCC is merely taking a position and making a recommendation to FDOT. Hope this helps.

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Editorial Note – From J.A. Murphy: The E-mail and the responses were copies and provided here for information only so that all parties can be fully informed on the positions of the Department and the UAOs. It is the positions of FUCC that this organization is to take issues to the interested parties for timely resolution. Information gathered is information to be shared with the membership.

## EDUCATIONAL FORUMS

The Workshops for this meeting included a presentation by Gordon Wheeler who discussed FDOT Utility Procedure Updates. This was followed by a presentation of Utility Easement Subordinations and identifications of conflicts by Vinnie Lavallette. And the last presentation was by Elisabeth Hassett, RLA on "The impacts of Utility Structures with Historic Site Plan Features and Landscape Elements. The content of the presentations was "Communication, Cooperation, Coordination, and Consensus: Moving Towards a Solution."

Any suggestions for future educations forms and workshops should be forwarded to Dennis Labelle

## UAM

Nothing additional to report at this time.

## SCENIC RESOURCES -

### Attendees:

Grace Harrison	GAI Consultants, Inc.
David Summers	PBS&J (District 7 Utilities)
Greg Bales (for Mike Hall)	Verizon
Silas Brown	OUC
Rick Lemke	HNTB
John Murphy	GAI Consultants, Inc.

### Discussions:

1. The committee goals were reviewed and summarized as "to recommend revisions to the Plans Preparation Manual to include landscape architecture at the 60% meeting and to prepare guidelines for plantings and plant palette near utilities."
2. Discussion took place regarding past issues with landscape and utility conflicts.
3. It was determined that plant specie guidelines for 2 categories overhead and underground utility areas would be helpful for each climatic zone.
4. The committee will collect details/setbacks from equipment and lines to complete the guidelines.
5. The committee would like to present the guidelines at the November FUCC meeting, prior to getting feedback in August from FPL & BellSouth.

## SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

### STEERING COMMITTEE

There were eleven in attendance at the Committee meeting. Treasurer, Jan Ash reported that there is projected \$2,000.00 shortfall in revenue collected from the meeting registrations and the Educations Workshops. This project was based on the past trend of the Committee to provide two dinners and two lunches as part of the meeting registration. The cost of refreshments at the breaks averages \$300.00 per break. What can be done to reduce the anticipated shortfall.

Some of the suggested ideas were:

- Raise the cost of the Work Shop by an additional \$10.00
- Raise the Registration Fee by an additional \$10.00
- Eliminate the Refreshments serves at the mid-morning/mid-afternoon breaks. Limit the morning break to only coffee.
- Revise the format of the meeting to provide three lunches and only dinner at the Annual Meeting.



- Solicit more participation from the member companies to become SPONSORS.
- Charge for meal partaken by those not registered (spouses).
- Consider having a SPONSER NIGHT on Wednesday evening. The sponsor would be responsible for the activities and cost of this event. Several Utility Agency/Owners could share in the cost of the event, and each would be recognized for their contributions.
- Increase the actual participation at each meeting. The additional revenue will increase our cash flow.
- Consider providing "Certifications" for those participating in the workshop. We should also consider CEU's for those who need the Professional Development Hours to meet the mandated educational requirement of their licenses.

The use of Acteva has proven to be an efficient method of cost savings. The organization will no longer accept credit cards at the door as a method of payment. Only checks or cash will be accepted at the door. The subject of pre-registrations was discussed regarding the inclusion of another line on the Acteva site of Registration Payment at the Door. This would give the Committee a better count of the number of participants at the Workshop and meetings.

Additionally, we need to be better monitors of those in attendance at the Workshop and meetings. If a participant does not have her/his meeting badge visible, they will be asked to leave the session attending. There are some people who know the meeting agenda and schedule, who shown up, participate, but do not pay. This must be corrected to be fair to those who are following the rules.

The Conference Planners need help in the identification of speakers or workshops that will best meet the needs of the organization.

Additional members to the Steering Committee are Jim Lormann to be the representative for Local Government, as is second job is with local government as an elected official in Central Florida; and Gary Monday to represent the Telecommunications industry.

## **E-BUSINESS / WEB PAGE**

Sharon L. is no longer involved with the utility industry. As a result we need someone to pick up and continue the maintenance of the FUCC Web Site. GAI Consultants and Sunshine State One Call each offered to take this need back to their respective management prior to assuming this responsibility. GAI Consultants will be maintaining the web site which it still

## **MEMBERSHIP**

Five attended this meeting and recommend to the Steering that Contractors be invited to the next FUCC meeting. They could help to bring a new prospective to our discussions.

Future programs should consider all of the "Stake Holders" on a highway construction project. The FUCC should also consider hosting a Damage Prevention Symposium in the near future.

It was also suggested that we review and clean up our membership list as posted. There are several individuals who have changes employers and others who are no longer involved with the FUCC.

Other items of discussions were:

- Having additional workshops on Thursday and Friday, offering Certifications of attendance at each.
- Involving for Town, Cities, and Municipalities on the workshops.
- Add a Local representative for a presentation of what is happening in Tallahassee,
- Consider a "sponsor" night for Wednesday evening.
- Consider a centralized meeting in the Orlando area. The draw back is we would lose room nights at a hotel. The cost of the workshop would need to be increased or offset by corporate sponsors.

## **CONFERENCE PLANNING**

In order to improve attendance at our meeting, we may want to consider attaching a notice to any one who

calls for a Design Ticket from the One Call Center regarding upcoming meeting of the FUCC. The Steering Committee may want to investigate this idea.

The Summer 2005 meeting at Marco Island has a full agenda. The Transportation Road Builders (TRB) will be meeting this first part of this same week. There is a possibility of a program on electronic permitting which has been implemented in Texas. This has been lobby for by the utility industry. This program may be presented on Wednesday morning. The Summer Workshop will be on legal issues and is to be moderated by Fred Loose, from District 5

The CADD Training program, which was delayed by illness of the instructor, was presented in Orlando and was well received. Another presentation of this program will be considered for a meeting in the near future.

The final location for the Fall meeting has not been determined. The Hilton at Cocoa Beach was damages in last year's storm. The hotel is supposed to be back in business later this summer. This hotel has been identified as the possible location for the Fall meeting. Stay tuned for future announcements.

Future Work-shops for considerations are 1) Permitting Workshop for completing a Utility Permit will all of the required information the first time to avoid delays, for the Fall meeting of 2005; and 2) How to read FDOT's Plans and Identify conflicts, for the Winter Meeting in 2006.

#### **AWARD COMMITTEE**

The award committee will make its presentations at the Annual Banquet. As a reminder, all past recipients of FUCC awards are automatic members of this committee.

#### **INDUSTRY UPDATES –**

On the subject of Underground Deep Locating Resources, Paul Scott asked if there is any information regarding the locating of utilities place 14 feet and more below the existing surface. The TBE Group was requested to study methods, world wide, to find the most effective methods and equipment available today. However, nothing can be identified at this time.

#### **BUSINESS MEETING – PROGRAM/PRESENTATION**

Gary Castellano, Memory Trainer, presented the program for this morning. His program Increase your Memory – Don't Forget, provided some interesting insight into the methods you can use to take command of a meeting and learn there are association the names of all the participants that can be retained if you F-create a file folder; I create an image (imagination); and G - use some glue (an action associated with that image).

He also noted that we should use words like overlook of don't recall instead of forgot. Never use the word late, instead "behind schedule." And you don not "sign" anything, your "Authorize" it. He also gave an example of memorizing a shopping list, by placing item on part of your body. Mr. Castellano presents this training through out the Country and invites the membership to attend one of his Freedom Speakers & Trainers sessions at a reduced cost.

#### **SUMMER MEETING NOTICE**

The Summer meeting will be held at the Marco Island Hilton Hotel. Make your reservations early to be sure to get a room. Please remember, you can still register electronically and pay at the door. We encourage everyone to register on-line

There being not further Business, this meeting was closed to reconvene at Marco Island, in August.

Respectfully submitted by: John A. Murphy, GAI Consultants;

For

Vince Montgomery, OUC-Electric, Secretary, Florida Utilities Coordinating Committee