

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR  
WAGE AND HOUR DIVISION  
Washington, D. C.

MESSENGER WAGE RATE HEARING MOVED UP TO OCTOBER 20

Administrator Elmer F. Andrews of the Wage and Hour Division, U. S. Department of Labor, today announced (Federal Register October 14, 1939) that the hearing on the application of the Postal Telegraph Landline System for permission to employ messengers at a wage less than 30 cents an hour, the statutory minimum effective under the Fair Labor Standards Act on October 24, 1939, would be held at 10:00 A.M., October 20, at the Bar Association Building, 42 West 44th Street, New York City. The hearing had earlier been set for October 25 in Washington. At the same time the Administrator designated General Counsel George A. McNulty to preside at the hearing and make the final determination.

The hearing is not limited to the Postal Telegraph Landline System, but will cover the entire telegraph landline industry.

In announcing the advancement of the date for the hearing, the Administrator pointed out that it has appeared that the hearing should be held at an earlier date and that a final determination is desired and should be arrived at at the earliest possible date.

Any person may be heard if he files with Mr. McNulty at the Wage and Hour Division in Washington by noon October 19 a notice of his intention to appear, indicating the person or groups he will represent, whether he is in support of or in opposition to the application for exemption and the approximate time he will need for his presentation.

Mr. Andrews also signed (Federal Register October 14, 1939) an amendment to the messenger regulations which will permit the Administrator to designate the Deputy Administrator, any of the Assistant Administrators or the General Counsel to hear in his stead and to make a final determination not subject to review. The decision arrived at by the officer so designated will not be reviewable by the Administrator.

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