

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR  
Wage and Hour Division  
Washington

TELEPHONE OPERATOR LEARNER HEARING DECEMBER 7

A hearing on the application of the United States Independent Telephone Association for permission to employ learners as switchboard operators at wages lower than the statutory 30 cents an hour minimum, was announced today by the Wage and Hour Division, U. S. Department of Labor, for Thursday, December 7, at 10:00 A. M. in Room 3229, Department of Labor Building, Washington, D. C.

Dr. Gustav Peck, Assistant Director of the Hearings Branch of the Wage and Hour Division, will preside and hear testimony to determine whether a learning period is necessary, factors having a bearing upon curtailment of opportunities for employment and what limitations as to wages, time, number, proportion and length of service should control employment of learners as switchboard operators in the telephone industry.

Those desiring to be heard must notify Dr. Peck at the Wage and Hour Division prior to noon, December 5, stating the company or organization which he represents and the approximate length of time requested for his testimony. As used in the announcement (Federal Register, November 22, 1939), the term "switchboard operator in the telephone industry" means any switchboard operator employed in a public telephone exchange which has 500 stations or more. The Fair Labor Standards Act was amended at the last session of Congress to exempt from its wage and hour provisions telephone exchanges having less than 500 stations.

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