

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
WAGE AND HOUR DIVISION
WASHINGTON

FAIR CHARGES FOR LODGING FURNISHED TO A. B. & C.
EMPLOYEES

Fair charges for lodging for employees of the Atlanta, Birmingham and Coast Railroad, in two room houses provided by the Company are slightly less than \$3.00 a month and for lodging in boxcars slightly less than \$1.50 per month, according to a preliminary determination filed today (Federal Register, February 26, 1941) with General Philip B. Fleming, Administrator Wage and Hour Division, United States Department of Labor. The reasonable cost of furnishing housing and other facilities is found to be as follows:

Class One houses (two rooms)	\$34.88	a year
Class Two houses	31.12	a year
Class Three houses (two rooms)	27.56	a year
Boxcars	16.69	a year

Where the Company furnishes water to the workers living in its houses and buys the water from the city, it may charge the worker an amount which the water actually costs the Company. The Company, however, must not charge for furnishing old railroad ties for fuel.

The findings were made by Harold Stein, Assistant Director of the Hearings Branch of the Division, on the basis of evidence presented at a public hearing held in Atlanta October 17, 1940.

Notice has been given that anyone who believes these amounts are too high or too low may make application to the Administrator's representative for a reconsideration of this determination if it can be shown that there is additional evidence which may materially affect the findings and reasonable ground for failure to present such evidence in the original proceedings, or may file a petition for

review by the Administrator or an authorized representative who took no part in the action subject to review.

Any worker who has any question about the charges or wishes to have them reconsidered or reviewed should write the Wage and Hour Division, Witt Building, 249 Peachtree Street, Atlanta, Ga.

Most of the lodgings provided by the Company are Class One houses or boxcars.

Mr. Stein's findings of fair charges for rent were in every instance lower than the proposed rents which the Company submitted for consideration.

In dismissing the question of a charge for old railroad ties used by employees for fuel, Mr. Stein found that the ties have no value to the Company, and the cost of bringing them to market for sale would probably exceed the sale price. The cost of burning them is also about the same as the cost of furnishing them to the employees.

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