

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
WAGE AND HOUR DIVISION
Washington

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE
INDUSTRY COMMITTEE FOR THE RAILROAD
AND PROPERTY CARRIER INDUSTRY OF
PUERTO RICO FOR THE PURPOSE OF
RECEIVING EVIDENCE TO BE CONSIDERED
IN RECOMMENDING MINIMUM WAGE RATES
FOR SUCH INDUSTRY.

In conformity with the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, 52 Stat. 1060, as amended June 26, 1940, and with Section 511.11 of Part 511 of the Rules and Regulations issued pursuant thereto, notice is hereby given to all interested persons that a public hearing will be held beginning at 10 A. M., January 7, 1942, in the Auditorium of the Chamber of Commerce of Puerto Rico, San Juan, Puerto Rico, for the purpose of receiving evidence to be considered by the Industry Committee for the Railroad and Property Carrier Industry of Puerto Rico in determining the highest minimum wage rates in such Industry, which, having due regard to economic and competitive conditions, will not substantially curtail employment and will not give any industry in Puerto Rico a competitive advantage over any industry in the United States outside of Puerto Rico.

The term "Railroad and Property Carrier Industry of Puerto Rico" is defined in Administrative Order No. 134, signed December 9, 1941, as follows:

"The industry carried on in Puerto Rico by (1) any railroad carrier under public franchise which holds itself out to the general public to engage in the transportation for compensation of passengers and property in commerce, or, of passengers and property necessary to the production of goods for commerce, and which furnishes transportation service for passengers in an amount not less than \$25,000 annually or which derives at least 10 per cent of its total operating revenues from passenger transportation service; (2) any railway express company which holds itself out to the general public to engage in the transportation for compensation of property in commerce or of property necessary to the production of goods for commerce; (3) any trucking firm or company which holds itself out to the general public to engage in the transportation for compensation of property in commerce or of property necessary to the production of goods for commerce, provided that: (a) it is not directly or indirectly owned or controlled by a company primarily engaged in manufacturing, processing, wholesaling, or other non-transportation activity, and (b) it does not perform any transportation functions for such company.

"The term 'firm' or 'company' means an individual, partnership, association, corporation or business trust."

The Industry Committee for the Railroad and Property Carrier Industry of Puerto Rico was created by Administrative Order No. 134, referred to above. It is charged, in accordance with the provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 as amended and Rules and Regulations promulgated thereunder, with the duty of investigating conditions in such Industry and recommending to the Administrator minimum wage rates for all employees thereof who within the meaning of said Act are "engaged in commerce or in the production of goods for commerce," excepting employees exempted by the provisions of Section 13(a) and employees coming under the provisions of Section 14.

Any person, who in the opinion of the Committee or its duly authorized subcommittee has an interest in the proceedings may appear on his own behalf or on behalf of any other person. Persons desiring to appear are requested to file with the Wage and Hour Division, U. S. Department of Labor, El Banco Popular Building, San Juan, Puerto Rico, prior to December 24, 1941, a Notice of Intention to Appear containing the following information:

- (1) The name and address of the person appearing.
- (2) If he is appearing in a representative capacity, the name and address of the person or persons whom, or organization which, he is representing.
- (3) A brief description of the material intended to be presented.
- (4) The approximate length of time which his presentation will consume.

All testimony will be taken under oath and witnesses will be subject to reasonable cross examination by any interested person present.

Persons who cannot appear may submit written briefs and documentary or statistical material which will be considered by the committee. Twenty copies of such material should be furnished in care of the Wage and Hour Division, San Juan, Puerto Rico, not later than December 31, 1941.

Witnesses appearing before the Committee should also provide, if practicable, twenty copies of all briefs and documentary or statistical material to be presented to the Committee. At least six copies of such material must be presented to be accepted as exhibits for the record.

Signed at Chicago, Illinois, this 15th day of December, 1941.



H. Spencer
Chairman

Industry Committee for the Railroad
and Property Carrier Industry of
Puerto Rico