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## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR WAGE AND HOUR DIVISION NEW YORK. NEW YORK

## NOTICE OF HEARING ON THE MINIMUM WAGE RECOMMENDATION OF INDUSTRY COMMITTEE NO. 44 FOR THE RAILROAD CARRIER INDUSTRY To be held July 15, 1942

WHEREAS, the Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division of the United States Department of Labor, acting pursuant to section 5(b) of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, on April 4, 1942, by Administrative Order No. 147, appointed Industry Committee No. 44 for the Railroad Carrier Industry, composed of an equal number of representatives of the public, employers in the industry and employees in the industry, such representatives having been appointed with due regard to the geographical regions in which the industry is carried on; and

WHEREAS, Industry Committee No. 44, on April 29, 1942, recommended a minimum wage rate for the Railroad Carrier Industry and duly adopted a report containing such recommendation and reasons therefor and filed such report with the Administrator on April 29, 1942, pursuant to section 8(d) of the Act and section 511.19 of the regulations issued under the Act; and

WHEREAS, the Administrator is required by section 8(d) of the Act, after due notice to interested persons and giving them an opportunity to be heard, to approve and carry into effect by order the recommendation of Industry Committee No. 44 if he finds that the recommendation is made in accordance with law and is supported by the evidence adduced at the hearing before him, and taking into consideration the same factors as are required to be considered by the Industry Committee, 11 carry out the purposes of section 8 of the Act; and, if he finds otherwise, to

disapprove such recommendation;

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that:

I. The recommendation of Industry Committee No. 44 is that a minimum of 40 cents an hour shall be established for the Railroad Carrier Industry as defined in Administrative Order No. 147.

II. The definition of the Railroad Carrier Industry as set forth in Administrative Order No. 147, issued April 4, 1942, is as follows:

For the purpose of this order, the term "Railroad Carrier Industry" means: "The industry carried on by any express company, sleeping car company or carrier by railroad, subject to Part 1 of the Interstate Commerce Act, and by any company which is directly or indirectly owned or controlled by one or more such carriers or under common control therewith, and which operates any equipment or facility or performs any service (except trucking service, casual service and the casual operation of equipment or facilities) in connection with the transportation of passengers or property by railroad, or the receipt, delivery, elevation, transfor in transit, refrigoration or icing, storage, or handling of property transported by railroad, and by any receiver, trustee, or other individual or body, judicial or otherwise, when in the possession of the property or operating all or any part of the business of any such company or carrier by railroad: Provided, however, That the term 'railroad carrier industry' shall not include the industry carried on by any street, interurban, or suburban electric railway, unless such railway is operating as

a part of a general steam-railroad system of transportation, but shall not exclude any part of the general steam-railroad system of transportation now or hereafter operated by any other motive power."

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III. The full text of the report and recommendation of Industry Committee No. 44 is and will be available for inspection by any person between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 4:30 P.M. at the following offices of the United States Department of Labor, Wage and Hour Division:

Boston, Massachusetts 294 Washington Street

New York. New York 341 Minth Avenue

Newark, New Jersey Essex Building 31 Clinton Street

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 1216 Widener Building Chestnut & Juniper Streets

Pittsburgh, Ponnsylvania 219 Old Post Office Building Fourth and Smithfield Streets

Richmond, Virginia 215 Richmond Trust Building 627 East Main Street

Baltimore, Maryland 201 North Calvert Street

Raleigh, North Carolina North Carolina Department of Labor Salisbury and Edonton Streets

Columbia, South Carolina Federal Land Bank Building Hampton and Marion Streets

Atlanta, Georgia Fifth Floor, Witt Building 249 Peachtree Street, N. E.

Jacksonville, Florida 456 New Post Office Building

Birmingham, Alabana 1908 Comer Building 2nd Avenue and 21st Street

Now Orleans, Louisiana 916 Union Building

Jackson, Mississippi 102 Lamar Street

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Nashville, Tonnessee 509 Medical Arts Building 115 Seventh Avenue. N.

Cleveland, Ohio Main Post Office W. Third and Prospect Avenue

Cincinnati, Ohio 1312 Traction Building 5th and Walnut Streets

Detroit, Michigan David Stott Building 1150 Griswold Street

Chicago, Illinois 1200 Merchandise Mart 222 W. North Bank Drive

Minneapolis, Minnesota 406 Pence Building 730 Honnepin Avenue

Kansas City, Missouri 504 Title and Trust Building 10th and Walnut Streets

St. Louis, Missouri 100 Old Fodoral Building

Denver. Colorado 300 Chamber of Commorce Building 1726 Champa Street

Dallas, Texas Rio Grando National Building 1100 Main Street

San Francisco, California Room 500, Humboldt Bank Building 785 Market Street

Los Angelos, California 417 H. W. Hollman Building (10672) Seattle, Washington 305 Post Office Building 3rd Avenue and Union Street Washington, District of Columbia Department of Labor, 4th Floor

Van Juan, Puerto Rico Post Office Box 112 New York, New York 165 West 46th Street

Copies of the Committee's report and recommendation may be obtained by any person upon request addressed to the Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, United States Department of Labor, 165 West 46th Street, New York, New York.

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IV. A public hearing will be held on July 15, 1942, before Major Robert N. Campbell, Presiding Officer, at 10:00 A.M. at the offices of the Wage and Hour Division, United States Department of Labor, 165 West 46th Street, New York, New York, for the purpose of taking evidence on the following question:

Whether the recommendation of Industry Committee No. 44 shall be approved or disapproved.

V. Any interested person, supporting or opposing the recommendation of Industry Committee No. 44, may appear at the aforesaid hearing to offer evidence, either on his behalf or on behalf of any other person; provided that not later than July 10, 1942, such person shall file with the Administrator at New York, New York, a notice of his intent to appear which shall contain the following information:

- 1. The name and address of the person appearing.
- 2. If such person is appearing in a representative capacity, the name and address of the person or persons whom he is representing.
- 3. Whether such person proposes to appear for or against the recommendation of Industry Committee No. 44.
- 4. The approximate length of time requested for his presentation.

Such notice may be mailed to the Administrator, Wage and Hour Division, United States Department of Labor, 165 West 46th Street, New York, New York, and shall be deemed filed upon receipt thereof.

VI. Any person interested in supporting or opposing the recommendation o. Industry Committee No. 44 may secure further information concerning the aforesaid hearing by inquiry directed to the Administrator, Wage and Hour Division, United States Department of Labor, 165 West 46th Street, New York, New York, or by consulting with attorneys representing the Administrator who will be available for that purpose at the Office of the Solicitor, United States Department of Labor, in Washington, D. C., and New York, New York.

VII. Copies of the following document relating to the Railroad Carrier Industry will be made available upon request for inspection by any interested person who intends to appear at the aforesaid hearing:

> Report entitled, <u>A Memorandum of Recent Economic Developments</u> in the Railroad Carrier Industry, prepared by the Research and Statistics Branch, Wage and Hour Division, United States Department of Labor, dated April 1942.

VIII. The hearing will be conducted in accordance with the following

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rules, subject, however, to such subsequent modifications by the Administrator or the Presiding Officer as are deemed appropriate:

1. The hearing shall be stenographically reported and a transcript made which will be available to any person at prescribed rates upon request addressed to the Administrator, Wage and Hour Division, United States Department of Labor, 165 West 46th Street, New York, New York.

2. In order to maintain orderly and expeditious procedure, each person filing a Notice to Appear shall be notified, if practicable, of the approximate day and the place at which he may offer evidence at the hearing. If such person does not appear at the time set in the notice he will not be permitted to offer evidence at any other time except by special permission of the presiding officer.

3. At the discretion of the presiding officer the hearing may be continued from day to day, or adjourned to a later date, or to a different place, by announcement thereof at the hearing by the presiding officer, or by other appropriate notice.

4. At any stage of the hearing, the presiding officer may call for further evidence upon any matter. After the presiding officer has closed the hearing before him, no further evidence shall be taken, except at the request of the Administrator, unless provision has been made at the hearing for the later receipt of such evidence. In the event that the Administrator shall cause the hearing to be reopened for the purpose of receiving further evidence, due and reasonable notice of the time and place fixed for such taking of testimony shall be given to all persons who have filed a notice of intention to appear at the hearing.

5. All evidence must be presented under oath or affirmation.

6. Written documents or exhibits, except as otherwise permitted by the presiding officer, must be offered in evidence by a person who is prepared to testify as to the authenticity and trustworthiness thereof, and who shall, at the time of offering the documentary exhibit, make a brief statement as to the contents and manner of preparation thereof.

7. Written documents and exhibits shall be tendered in duplicate and the persons preparing the same shall be prepared to supply additional copies if such are ordered by the presiding officer. When evidence is embraced in a document containing matter not intended to be put in evidence, such a document will not be received, but the person offering the same may present to the presiding officer the original document together with two copies of those portions of the document intended to be put in evidence. Upon presentation of such copies in proper form the copies will be received in evidence.

8. Subpoenas requiring the attendance of witnesses or the presentation of a document from any place in the United States at any designated place of hearing may be issued by the Administrator at his discretion, and any person appearing in the proceeding may apply in writing for the issuance by the Administrator of the subpoena. Such application shall be timely and shall identify exactly the witness or document and state fully the nature of the evidence proposed to be secured.

9. Witnesses summoned by the Administrator shall be paid the same

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fees and mileage as are paid witnesses in the courts of the United States. Witness fees and mileage shall be paid by the party at whose instance witnesses appear, and the Administrator before issuing subpoena may require a deposit of an amount adequate to cover the fees and mileage involved.

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10. The rules of evidence prevailing in the courts of law or equity shall not be controlling.

11. The presiding officer may, at his discretion, permit any person appearing in the proceeding to cross-examine any witness offered by another person in so far as is practicable, and to object to the admission or exclusion of evidence by the presiding officer. Requests for permission to crossexamine a witness offered by another person and objections to the admission or exclusion of evidence shall be stated briefly with the reasons for such request or the ground of objection relied on. Such requests or objections shall become a part of the record, but this record shall not include argument thereon except as ordered by the presiding officer. Objections to the approval of the Committee's recommendation and to the promulgation of a wage order based upon such approval must be made at the hearing before the presiding officer.

12. Before the close of the hearing, the presiding officer shall receive written requests from persons appearing in the proceeding for permission to make oral arguments before the Administrator upon the matter in issue. These requests will be forwarded to the Administrator by the presiding officer with the record of the proceedings. If the Administrator, in his discretion, allows the request, he shall give such notice thereof as he deems suitable to all persons appearing in the proceedings, and shall designate the time and place at which the oral arguments shall be heard. If such requests are allowed, all persons appearing at the hearing will be given opportunity to present oral argument.

13. Briefs (12 copies) may be submitted to the Administrator following the close of the hearing, by any persons appearing therein. Notice of the final dates for filing such briefs shall be given by the Administrator in such manner as shall be deemed suitable by him.

14. On the close of the hearing the presiding officer shall forthwith file a complete record of the proceedings with the Administrator. The presiding officer shall not file an intermediate report unless so directed by the Administrator. If a report is filed, it shall be advisory only and have no binding effect upon the Administrator.

15. No order issued as a result of the hearing will take effect until after due notice is given of the issuance thereof by publication in the Federal Register.

Signed at New York, New York, this 20 day of June, 1942.

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