

CONDITIONS FOR PROTECTION OF EMPLOYEES, COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS THE "OKLAHOMA CONDITIONS," PRESCRIBED BY THE I.C.C. IN ITS ORDER ISSUED MAY 17, 1944 IN FINANCE DOCKET 14221, OKLAHOMA RAILWAY COMPANY TRUSTEES ABANDONMENT OF OPERATION, ETC.

4. If, as a result of the abandonment of operation herein permitted and the purchases, etc., herein authorized, hereinafter referred to as the transaction, any employee of Robert K. Johnston and A. C. DeBolt, trustees of the Oklahoma Railway Company, of The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company, or of Joseph B. Fleming and Aaron Colnon, trustees of The Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railway Company, hereinafter respectively referred to as the Oklahoma, the Santa Fe and the Rock Island, and collectively as the carriers, is displaced, that is placed in a worse position with respect to his compensation and rules governing his work conditions, and so long thereafter as he is unable, in the exercise of his seniority rights under existing agreements, rules, and practice, to obtain a position producing compensation equal to or exceeding the compensation he received in the position from which he was displaced, he shall be paid a monthly displacement allowance equal to the difference between the monthly compensation received by him in the position in which he is retained and the monthly compensation received by him in the position from which he was displaced. The latter compensation is to be determined by dividing separately by 12 the total compensation received by the employee and the total time for which he was paid during the last 12 months in which he performed services immediately preceding the date of his displacement as a result of this transaction (thereby producing average monthly compensation and average monthly time paid for in the test period). If his compensation in his retained position in any month is less than the aforesaid average compensation in the test period, he shall be paid the difference, less compensation at the rate of the position from which he was displaced for time lost on account of his voluntary absences in his retained or current position, but if in his retained position he works in any month in excess of the average monthly time paid for in the test period, he shall be compensated for the excess time at the rate of pay of the retained position; provided, however, that nothing herein shall operate to affect in any respect the retirement on pension or annuity rights and privileges in respect of any employee, provided, further, that if any employee elects not to exercise his seniority rights he shall be entitled to no allowance, and provided, further, that no allowance shall be paid to any Oklahoma employee who fails to accept employment, with seniority rights in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, with the Santa Fe or Rock Island if either of said two last named carriers offers him a position, the duties of which he is qualified to perform. The period during which this protection is to be given, hereinafter called the protective period, shall extend from the date on which the employee was displaced to the expiration of 4 years from the effective date of our order herein; provided, however, that such protection shall not continue for a longer period following the effective date of our order herein than the period during which such employee was in the employ of the carriers prior to the effective date of our order.

5. If, as a result of the transaction herein approved, any employee, hereinafter referred to as a dismissed employee, of the carriers is deprived of employment with said carriers because of the abolition of his position or the loss thereof as the result of the exercise of seniority rights by an employee whose position is abolished as result of the transaction herein approved, he shall be accorded a monthly dismissal allowance equivalent to one-twelfth of the compensation received by him in the last 12 months of his employment in which he earned compensation prior to the date he is first deprived of employment as a result of this transaction. This allowance shall be made during the protective period to each dismissed employee while unemployed, provided, however, that no such allowance shall be paid to any Oklahoma employee who fails to accept employment, with seniority rights in Oklahoma City, Okla., with the Santa Fe or Rock Island, if either of said two last named carriers offers him a position, the duties of which he is qualified to perform.

The dismissal allowance of any dismissed employee who is otherwise employed shall be reduced to the extent that his combined monthly earnings in such other employment, any benefits received under any unemployment insurance law, and his dismissal allowance exceed the amount upon which his dismissal allowance is based. Such employee, or his representative, and the carriers, should agree upon a procedure by which the carriers shall be currently informed of the wages earned by such employee in employment other than with the carriers, and the benefits received.

The dismissal allowance shall cease prior to the expiration of the protective period in the event of the failure of the employee without good cause to return to service after being notified by the carriers of a position, the duties of which he is qualified to perform and for which he is eligible, or in the event of his resignation, death, retirement on pension, or dismissal for good cause.

6. No employee affected by the transaction approved herein shall be deprived during the protective period of benefits attached to his previous employment, such as free transportation, pensions, hospitalization, relief, et cetera, under the same conditions and so long as such benefits continue to be accorded to other employees on his home road, in active service or on furlough, as the case may be, to extent that such benefits can be so maintained under present authority of law or corporate action or through future authorization which may be obtained.

7. Any employee retained in the services of the carriers involved in the transaction herein approved or who is later restored to service after being entitled to receive a dismissal allowance, and required to change the point of his employment as a result of the transaction, and within the protective period is required to move his place of residence, shall be reimbursed for all expenses of moving his household and other personal effects, for the traveling expenses of himself and his immediate family, and for his own actual wage loss, not to exceed 2 days, the exact extent of the responsibility of the carriers to be agreed upon in advance by the said carriers and the employees affected; provided, however, that changes in place of residence, subsequent to the initial change caused by the transaction, which result from the exercise by the employee of his seniority rights shall not be considered as within the foregoing provision.

8. In the event that any dispute or controversy arises with respect to the protection afforded by the foregoing Conditions Nos. 4, 5, 6, and 7, which cannot

be settled by the carriers and the employee, or his authorized representatives, within 30 days after the controversy arises. It may be referred by either party, to an arbitration committee for consideration and determination, the formation of which committee, its duties, procedure, expenses, et cetera, shall be agreed upon by the carriers and the employee, or his duly authorized representatives.

9(a) The following condition shall apply, to the extent it is applicable in each instance, to any employee who is retained in the service of any of the carriers (or who is later restored to service after being entitled to receive a dismissal allowance), who is required to change the point of his employment within the protective period as a result of the transaction herein approved and is therefore required to move his place of residence:

1. If the employee owns his own home in the locality from which he is required to move, he shall at his option be reimbursed by his employing carrier for any loss suffered in the sale of his home for less than its fair value. In each case the fair value of the home in question shall be determined as of a date sufficiently prior to May 17, 1943, to be unaffected by the filing of the applications herein. The employing carrier shall in each instance be afforded an opportunity to purchase the home at such fair value before it is sold by the employee to any other person.

2. If the employee is under a contract to purchase his home, the employing carrier shall protect him against loss to the extent of the fair value of any equity he may have in the home and in addition shall relieve him from any further obligation under the contract.

3. If the employee holds unexpired lease of a dwelling occupied by him as his home, the employing carrier shall protect him from all loss and cost in securing the cancellation of his said lease.

(b) Changes in place of residence subsequent to the initial change caused by the consummation of the transaction herein approved and which grow out of the normal exercise of seniority in accordance with working agreements are not comprehended within the provisions of this condition.

(c) No claim for loss shall be paid under the provisions of this condition which is not presented within one year after the date employee is required to move.

(d) Should a controversy arise in respect to the value of the home, the loss sustained in its sale, the loss under a contract for purchase, loss and cost in securing termination of lease, or any other question in connection with these matters, it shall be decided through joint conference between the representatives of the employees and the carrier on whose line the controversy arises and in the event they are unable to agree, the dispute may be referred by either party to a board of three competent real estate appraisers, selected in the following manner: One to be selected by the representatives of the employees and the carrier, respectively, and these two shall endeavor by agreement within ten days after their appointment to select the third appraiser, or to select some person authorized to name the third appraiser. A decision of a majority of the appraisers shall be required and said decision shall be final and conclusive. The salary and expenses of the third or neutral appraiser, including the expense of the appraisal board, shall be borne equally by the parties to the proceedings. All other expenses shall be paid by the party incurring them, including the compensation of the appraiser selected by such party.