

Affiliated  
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Trade Divisions

Petroleum: Indiana  
Statewide Petroleum  
Transport Agreement

1948

MINUTES OF NEGOTIATING SESSION HELD JULY 7, 1948,  
REGARDING STATE WIDE PETROLEUM TRANSPORT AGREEMENT

Meeting July 7, 1948, - Antlers Hotel

The meeting opened at 10:45 A.M. (CDS time) in the Gold Room of the Antlers Hotel, Indianapolis, Indiana.

International Representative, Gale F. Murrin, was selected as Chairman of the Union's negotiating committee. Bro. Murrin at this time expressed the desires of the Local Unions to the operators, also stated that Lake and Porter Counties should be excluded from these negotiations.

It was agreed at this time to recess for lunch and to reconvene at 1:30 P.M.

The following Companies were represented by the following gentlemen:

Producers Transport, Inc. - J. W. Reid  
Refiners Transport, Inc. - D. E. Doggett  
Refiners Transport & Terminal Corp. - G. L. McCullough  
S Sprout & Davis Co. - W. Green  
" " " - C. Davis  
Rogers Cartage Company - G. T. Young  
Farm Bureau Oil Co. - Fred Klemph

The following were selected as the bargaining committee representing the Local Unions:

Gale F. Murrin - Chairman, International Organizer  
Charles Miller - Local #417, Vincennes, Ind.  
E. J. Williams - Local #135, Indianapolis, Ind.  
D. E. Mahoney - Local #369, Muncie, Ind.  
E. C. Wilkes - Local #288, Michigan City, Ind.  
C. B. Birdsong - Local 215, Evansville, Ind.

A survey revealed that the following companies were operating under contract with Local Unions in Indiana: Rogers Cartage Company, Girton Brothers, Inc., Refiners Transport, Inc., Refiners Transport & Terminal Corp., Producers Transport, Central West, Alvin Wiles, and Harban.

The Operators agreed to continue negotiations on a state wide basis, with Lake and Porter counties to be excluded for the present time.

Mr. McCullough, acting as spokesman for the operators, stated that they preferred to negotiate a contract whereby the drivers would be paid on a mileage-hourly basis.

The Union committee agreed to discuss the possibilities of working out this kind of an agreement. Several references to the state wide Illinois agreement and how it had worked out in the past were made.

The Union took the position that if a mileage contract was set up that it should provide for equal pay as provided in the over-the-road Motor Freight Agreement.

The operators at this time requested another caucus.

After returning to the conference table and agreement was reached whereby the Union's proposed hourly rate contract would be discussed article by article, and the following tentative agreements on the various Articles were reached.

PREAMBLE to read as follows:

"For hire Petroleum Transport Agreement" covering the state of Indiana, excluding Lake and Porter Counties.

ARTICLE 1, Section 1 - to be changed as follows:

Dispatchers to be included where such classification is presently employed and covered by Union contract, except in cases where dispatchers also act as Terminal Manager.

Delete checker, hostler and warehousemen classifications since none of the operators employ such classifications

Section 2 - paragraph 1 - accepted  
paragraph 2 - accepted

ARTICLE 2

Accepted after it was explained that the Assistant Solicitor General of the United States and Assistant Attorney General of the United States had ruled in favor of deducting assessments.

ARTICLE 3

A discussion was held on this Article, with operators declining to commit themselves.

Article 4 - not discussed

ARTICLE 5 - discussed - no agreement reached

ARTICLE 6 - " " " "

ARTICLE 7 - Accepted - delete last sentence.

This is as far as the committee discussed the proposed agreement.

It was agreed to adjourn and the next meeting be held July 12, 1948, at 10:00 A.M. (CDS time) at the Antlers Hotel.

The operators also agreed to make an effort to set up a state Employers Association by the next meeting.

Charles Miller