DUNEDIN CITY CORPORATION ELECTRICITY DEPARTMENT (WAIPORI FALLS) DRIVERS—INDUSTRIAL AGREEMENT

In the Court of Arbitration of New Zealand, Otago and Southland Industrial District.—In the matter of the Economic Stabilization Regulations 1950; and in the matter of the industrial agreement made on the 9th day of April 1951, between the Dunedin City Corporation and the Otago Road Transport and Motor and Horse Drivers and Their Assistants' Industrial Union of Workers.

Whereas by the Economic Stabilization Regulations 1950 it is provided that no industrial agreement made in pursuance of the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act, 1925, shall come into force until it is filed under section 28 of the said Act: And whereas it is provided further that no such industrial agreement shall be accepted by a Clerk of Awards for filing as aforesaid unless it has been approved by the Court for the purposes of the said regulations: And whereas application has been made for approval of the industrial agreement made on the 9th day of April, 1951, between the Dunedin City Corporation, of the one part, and the Otago Road Transport and Motor and Horse Drivers and their Assistants' Industrial Union of Workers, of the other part: Now, therefore, the Court, having had regard to and having taken into consideration the matters and things as required by the said regulations, doth hereby approve the said industrial agreement for the purposes of the said regulations.

Dated this 9th day of May, 1951.

[L.S.]

A. Tyndall, Judge.

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This industrial agreement, made pursuant to the provisions of the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act, 1925, this 9th day of April, 1951, between the Dunedin City Corporation (hereinafter referred to as the "employer"), of the one part, and the Otago Road Transport and Motor and Horse Drivers and their Assistants' Industrial Union of Workers (hereinafter referred to as the "workers"), of the other part, witnesseth that it is hereby mutually agreed between the employer and the workers as follows:—

Application

1. This agreement shall apply to all drivers employed at Waipori Falls by the Electricity Department of the Dunedin City Corporation.

Hours of Work

2. The maximum number of hours of work (exclusive of overtime) to be worked by any worker bound by this part of the agreement shall be forty (40) per week, to be worked on five days of eight hours each from Monday to Friday inclusive, and shall be made to fall within the hours from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. and shall be defined as "ordinary time."

Overtime

- 3. (a) The following shall constitute overtime:—
- (1) All time worked in excess of eight hours per day within the clock-hour period from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. from Monday to Friday inclusive; and
- (2) All time worked outside of the clock-hour period 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday inclusive, and all work performed on Saturday and Sunday.
- (b) Except as specially provided for in clause 3 (c) and 3 (d) hereof, payment for overtime shall be made at the rate of time and a half for the first three hours overtime worked in any continuous period and at double time rate for overtime worked continuously thereafter: Provided that overtime rates for work extending into the period of 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. next shall cease at the normal time for commencing work on such day if the day is a working-day for the worker concerned.
- (c) Work performed on Sunday shall be paid for at double ordinary time rates.
- (d) Any worker having performed his ordinary day's work, and having continued to work overtime at the rates provided herein until the ordinary time for commencing work next day, and being then required by the employer to continue working, shall be paid double time rates as long as he works continuously thereafter.
- (e) Drivers called back to work from their homes after having completed their full day's work shall be paid overtime rates for the time actually worked with a minimum of two hours.
- (f) The employer shall allow meal-money at the rate of two shillings and threepence (2s. 3d.) per meal when workers are required to work after 5.30 p.m. provided that workers cannot reasonably get home for their meals.

No worker shall be required to work more than five hours without a meal.

(g) For the purpose of this agreement time and a half rates shall mean ordinary time rates in addition to half ordinary time rates, and double time rates shall be double ordinary time rates, but for the purpose of assessing the total hours worked weekly, in terms of clause 2 hereof, the employer may, at his option, reckon the whole or part of any actual hours overtime worked and paid for as part of the weekly total of forty hours referred to in clause 2.

Holidays

- 4. (a) The following shall be recognized holidays: New Year's Day, the day following New Year's Day, Anniversary Day or day in lieu thereof, Good Friday, Easter Monday, Sovereign's Birthday, Labour Day, Christmas Day, and Boxing Day. For all time worked on any of the aforementioned days during ordinary working-hours by workers entitled to the holiday shall be paid for at ordinary time rates in addition to the pay for the day as a holiday, and beyond normal working hours at one and a half time ordinary time rates for the first three hours, and thereafter at double ordinary time rates until the ordinary time for commencing work next day if such day is a working-day for the workers concerned.
- (b) Workers shall be entitled to ordinary time rates in respect of the holidays mentioned in subclause (a) hereof.
- (c) In addition to the aforementioned holidays, such drivers shall beentitled to an annual leave of ten (10) clear working-days on full pay for each twelve months' service with the same employer; an employee with less than twelve months service shall be granted a proportionate annual holiday on full pay. In the month of November each year the employer shall conduct a ballot to determine the order in which the employees covered by this Agreement shall take their annual holidays.
- (d) Should any of the holidays mentioned in subclause (a) hereof fall on a Saturday, and/or a Sunday, it shall be observed on the next succeeding working day or days.

Wages

5. The minimum "ordinary time" rate of wages for workers coming within the scope of this agreement shall be as follows:—

Truck not exceeding 2 tons carrying capacity
Truck over 2 tons and not exceeding 3 tons carrying

Truck over three tons carrying capacity

Definition of a Driver

6. This agreement shall apply to every employee of the age of eighteen years and upwards whose principal duty consists of driving a motor-vehicle.

Country Work

- 7. (a) "Country work" means work performed by a worker at a distance which necessitates his lodging elsewhere than at his usual place of residence.
- (b) A worker employed on country work shall be conveyed by his employer to and from such work free of charge, or his travelling-expenses going to and returning from such work shall be paid by his employer.
- (c) The employer shall provide every worker employed on country work with suitable accommodation while so employed at the rate of 7s. per workingday or part thereof.

- (d) Once in each fortnight the employer shall provide a truck to return men employed on country work to Waipori Falls for the week-end on Friday and again to take them back to the country work on the following Monday: Provided that time lost on such Fridays and Mondays shall be made up by the men during the week.
- (e) Time occupied in travelling shall be paid for at ordinary time rates; but no worker shall be paid more than an ordinary day's pay for any day occupied by him in travelling, even though the hours occupied may exceed eight hours, unless he is on the same day occupied in working for his employer.
- (f) Notwithstanding anything contained in clause 2 hereof, the employer may agree with a worker employed on country work that such worker shall work at ordinary rates in excess of the hours mentioned in clause 2 hereof on any day except Saturday and/or Sunday.

Waterproof Coats

8. Water-proof coats and overalls shall be supplied to drivers free of charge for use while at work only.

Union's Representative

9. For the purpose of securing the efficient operation of this agreement in accordance with section 19 of the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Amendment Act, 1936, the union's representatives shall be allowed full access to all jobs covered by this agreement in order to interview any worker, but not so as to interfere unreasonably with the employer's business.

Payment of Wages and Terms of Engagement

10. Wages shall be paid not later than Thursday in alternate weeks and shall be paid in the employer's time. If any worker is required to go to the employer's office to receive his wages he shall do so in the employer's time. In the case of employees other than casual hands, a week's notice of resignation or dismissal shall be given by the employer or the worker. Casual employees shall receive and give one hour's notice.

Deduction Clause

11. Employers shall be entitled to make a rateable deduction from the weekly wages provided for herein for time lost by the workers in default or through sickness or accident. For the purpose of computing payments for broken time, the weekly rates herein specified shall be divided by the weekly hours specified in each case.

Duties of Drivers

- 12. (a) It shall be part of the ordinary duty of a driver to assist when required, in the loading or unloading of his employer's vehicle. An employer may employ a driver on any work outside his ordinary duties as a driver, but in such cases he shall be paid not less than the agreement or the hourly rate of pay for such work and not less in any case than his ordinary rate of pay as a driver plus any special allowances applicable to the class of work he may be performing for the time being.
- (b) Any person who is employed for part of his time as a driver shall be paid drivers wages for the whole of any week in which he does any driving work.

Accidents

13. A suitable first-aid outfit shall be provided and maintained by the employer in all garages.

Preference Clause

- 14. (a) It shall not be lawful for any employer bound by this agreement to employ or continue in any position or employment subject to this agreement any adult person who is not for the time being a member of an industrial union of workers bound by this agreement or who is not for the time being a member of a trade-union which was registered as such before the 1st day of May, 1936, and which is bound by this agreement: Provided, further that any non-unionist may be continued in a position or employment by an employer bound by this agreement during any time while there is no member of the union bound by this agreement who is available to perform the particular work required to be done and ready and willing to undertake it.
- (b) For the purpose of subclause (a) of this clause a person of the age of eighteen years or upwards, and every other person for the time being in receipt of not less than the minimum rates of wages prescribed by this agreement for workers of the age of twenty-one years or upwards, shall be deemed to be an adult.

(Note:—Attention is drawn to subsection (4) of section 18 of the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Amendment Act, 1936, which gives the workers the right to join the union.)

Orders of the Court of Arbitration

15. The wages paid to all employees covered by this agreement shall be varied up or down in accordance with any order of the Court of Arbitration of New Zealand, the variation of this date brings an increase of 15% as set out in the order dated 30th January, 1951.

Scope of Agreement

16. This agreement shall apply to all drivers of horse and motor vehicles employed by the Dunedin City Corporation Electricity Department, subject to the definitions and exceptions set out herein, but shall not include the drivers of steam-operated plant, petrol, Diesel, and electrically-driven excavating-machines of the crane type in which the operation is not dependent on the tractive effort of the machine.

Term of Agreement

17. This agreement in so far as it relates to wages shall be deemed to have come into force on the 1st day of March, 1951, and so far as its other conditions are concerned on the day it is approved by the Court of Arbitration of New Zealand and it shall continue in force until the 30th day of June, 1952.

Signed on behalf of the Dunedin City Corporation—

J. C. Lucas, Town Clerk.

Signed on behalf of the Otago Road Transport and Motor and Horse Drivers and their Assistants' Industrial Union of Workers by its authorized agent—

J. P. Rees, Secretary.