

ARTICLE VI

STARTING TIME

(a) Regularly assigned yard crews shall each have a fixed starting time and the starting time of a crew will not be changed without at least 48 hours advance notice. Practices on individual roads as to handling of transfer crews are not affected by this section.

(b) Where three eight-hour shifts are worked in continuous service, the time for the first shift to begin work will be between 6:30 a. m. and 8:00 a.m.;

the second 2:30 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.; and the third 10:30 p.m. and 12:00 mid-night.

(c) Where two shifts are worked in continuous service the first shift may be started during any one of the periods named in Section (b).

(d) Where two shifts are worked not in continuous service the time for the shift to begin work will be between the hours of 6:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m., and the second not later than 10:30 p.m.

(e) Where an independent assignment is worked regularly the starting time will be during one of the periods provided in Sections (b) or (d).

(f) At points where only one yard crew is regularly employed, they can be started at any time, subject to Section (a).

QUESTION No. 5 (Supplement "A", Decision No. 1, Commission of Eight) - In a certain switching district, engine terminal is located at A. Engines work out of A, switching all day at B--2 miles from A; at C--3 miles, D--4 miles, E--5 miles. Can B, C, D, and E be considered Isolated Yards?

ANSWER - Crews working out of a common terminal do not come within the exception relating to Isolated Yards.

(g) The time for fixing the beginning of assignments or meal periods to be calculated from the time fixed for the crew to begin work as a unit without regard to preparatory or individual duties.