

MINUTE ITEM

25. REVIEW OF CALENDAR-SCHEDULING PROCEDURES - GEN. DATA.

Following presentation of Calendar Item 24 attached, Commissioner Carr asked for an explanation of part 2 of the recommendation. The Executive Officer stated that the authority which would be delegated would not cover land sale transactions or any applications where conveyance of title is concerned, but only applications for such items as permits, easements, short-term operations, short-term leases, subleases, etc., in accordance with established policy, regulations and statutes.

UPON MOTION DULY MADE, SECONDED, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, A RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED:

1. REAFFIRMING THE CALENDAR-SCHEDULING PROCEDURES ADOPTED OCTOBER 29, 1959 (MINUTE ITEM 18, PAGES 5405-5406);
2. DIRECTING THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO PROCESS TO CONCLUSION ALL APPLICATIONS FOR OPERATIONS IN CONFORMANCE WITH ALL STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS AND ESTABLISHED POLICIES OF THE COMMISSION, AS SPECIFIED IN THE DELEGATIONS OF AUTHORITY ADOPTED OCTOBER 5, 1959 (MINUTE ITEM 38, PAGES 4341-43).

Attachment

Calendar Item 24 (1 page. Exhibits referred to in this item are made a part of these minutes by reference only.)

CALENDAR ITEM

24.

REVIEW OF CALENDAR-SCHEDULING PROCEDURES - Gen. Data.

On March 7, 1961, the Chairman requested a review of calendar-scheduling procedures authorized by the Commission on October 29, 1959 (Minute Item 18, pages 5405-06 -- Exhibit "A" attached), for the purpose of determining whether increased flexibility of scheduling is desirable in the preparation of the agenda of business for the Commission.

Investigation of the processing schedule for all applications received since specification of calendar-preparation procedures on October 29, 1959, has not shown a single instance of any delay in processing where at least the minimum time required for effective staff review was available prior to a scheduled Commission meeting. In addition, special meetings were held to process those applications involving broad public interests and public health or safety which required more expeditious processing than could be given through monthly meetings of the Commission.

A few scattered complaints have been received from applicants desiring more rapid Commission consideration. All of these instances, with one exception, resulted from late or inadequate submittals of the original applications. The exception referred to was a late submittal after several months of direct refusal by the applicant to file any application.

From this investigation it appears that improvement for more rapid but effectively controlled calendar processing could result from a directive to the Executive Officer to process to conclusion all applications for operations which are in conformance with all statutory requirements and established policies of the Commission. Authorization for such processing is included in the Delegations of Authority from the Commission on October 5, 1959 (Minute Item 38, pages 5341-43 -- Exhibit "B" attached). Such actions by the Executive Officer would be submitted to the Commission for review and final confirmation, as specified in the Delegations of Authority.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

1. REAFFIRM THE CALENDAR-SCHEDULING PROCEDURES ADOPTED OCTOBER 29, 1959 (MINUTE ITEM 18, PAGES 5405-5406);
2. DIRECT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO PROCESS TO CONCLUSION ALL APPLICATIONS FOR OPERATIONS IN CONFORMANCE WITH ALL STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS AND ESTABLISHED POLICIES OF THE COMMISSION, AS SPECIFIED IN THE DELEGATIONS OF AUTHORITY ADOPTED OCTOBER 5, 1959 (MINUTE ITEM 38, PAGES 5341-43).

Attachments

- Exhibit "A" - Minute Item 18 of October 29, 1959
- Exhibit "B" - Minute Item 38 of October 5, 1959