

Regional Bargaining Report # 18

Tuesday, August 1, 2011

CWA District 1/IBEW Local 2213 and IBEW New England Regional Committees met with the Company today at the Rye Town Hilton in Rye, NY. With just 4 days before contract expiration, your bargaining committee is still waiting for Verizon to get serious at the bargaining table. The Company spends more time sending messages to our members giving them “bargaining facts” than they spend at the table. The Company’s “ bargaining facts” e-mailed today to our members stated that key issues are being explored at the bargaining table, yet the issues listed were only briefly mentioned at a June meeting and never raised again. Your bargaining committee needs you to let your managers know that you are demanding that the Company come to the table and bargain with your Union. The Company was not ready to meet until 5:30 p.m. today. They need to get serious. The clock is ticking and time is running out.

Verizon seems hell-bent on destroying the middle class jobs CWA and IBEW have fought so hard to create over the last 50 years of collective bargaining.

It is time that Verizon invests in America and brings Good Jobs back into the bargaining unit. Corporations like Verizon should not be destroying middle class jobs. They should be helping to rebuild the American economy and sharing their success with the workforce that made that possible.

It's time to fight back!

Now more than ever we need to mobilize!

Mobilize! – Mobilize! – Mobilize!