

**Regional Bargaining Report # 39**  
**Thursday, September 1, 2011 11 PM**

CWA District 1/IBEW Local 2213 and IBEW New England Regional Bargaining Committees met with the CWA District 2-13 / IBEW Mid-Atlantic Regional Bargaining Committees today at the Rye Town Hilton in Rye, New York.

Both committees recognize we are fighting the same greedy corporation.

We were able to share our thoughts and concerns over common issues.

Both committees agreed this type of meeting is beneficial and committed to continuing meeting jointly over common interests throughout the bargaining process.

The New York/New England Bargaining committee continued to discuss and work on the Union's proposals with most of the day spent working on the Union's job proposal. We will continue to work with our committee on developing a comprehensive proposal and will not meet with the company until next week.

Your committee also spent the last two days arguing with the company about not working our members OT to address the work load. For the past few days, as Cablevision was announcing for everyone to hear that their workforce would be working 24/7 to handle the troubles caused by Hurricane Irene, the executives in Verizon were intent on denying our members OT as punishment for going on strike. Today the company opened up with over 35,000 repair troubles and it wasn't until this afternoon that they decided to declare an emergency and allow our members to work the OT to finally address the workload.

Finally, the company decided to focus on the customer.

We will not allow VERIZON to destroy the Middle Class

Stay Strong - Stay United. Mobilize!