

Regional Bargaining Report # 19

Wednesday, August 3, 2011

CWA District 1/IBEW Local 2213 and IBEW New England Regional Committees met yesterday with the company late into the evening to discuss in detail the high rate of absence in the North East and it's cost to the company. CWA blasted VZ on it's mistreatment of our members through a host of reasons including excessive N-days, forced overtime, sales quota's and over zealous managers as contributing factors leading towards stress on the job prompting increased absent rates amongst other issues. The company stated they would look seriously into our concerns. We maintain a willingness to work with the company on all matters but negotiations has to be a two way street. Today with just 3 days before contract expiration, your bargaining committee spent the day reviewing data received from the company and also evaluating our proposals. We have rejected all but one of the Company's proposals and we told them that they needed to take a hard look at our issues and begin addressing them. We are still waiting for the Company to respond to our proposals.

The Company needs to get serious and begin bargaining with your Union. 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!
Turn up the Heat in your Work place***

Now more than ever we need to mobilize!

Mobilize! – Mobilize! – Mobilize!