



Mid-Atlantic Bargaining Report #52

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The Mid-Atlantic Bargaining Committee was in Philadelphia again this week reviewing the latest company comprehensive proposal. The Bargaining Committee did meet with the District 1 and the IBEW Bargaining Committees on Wednesday to discuss where we are at and what it is going to take us to get a contract. Following that meeting, on Thursday, February 18th, all Local Presidents and mobilizers in District 2-13 were called to Philadelphia to discuss mobilization and prepare for our next steps. We have fought for eight months for a fair contract and have to be realistic about what it will take to get an agreement that respects our work and allows for a future.

We all know that Verizon is an immensely successful corporation, enjoying record profits, yet their attitude at the bargaining table is an insult to every worker and retiree who created those profits. Everyone must understand that we are working without a contract and every active and retired member must take a more active role. Although a strike has not been called, that is a possibility at any time. Every member must be walking the informational picket lines, going to meetings and joining your co-workers in mobilization activities in order to get a good contract. It's just that simple.

While the Bargaining Committee is committed to continue negotiations in an effort to reach an agreement, every member needs to be prepared and engaged.