



Regional Bargaining Report # 54

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The Mid Atlantic Bargaining Committee met in Philadelphia this week reviewing the latest company comprehensive proposal. While the Company did make some changes to its comprehensive proposal it still fails to address the Union's agenda. Issues like the Long Term Service Difficulty, Contracting, Overtime Administration, VCSI Technicians moved into the core agreements and other quality of work/life issues continue to fall on deaf ears.

On Thursday March 10th, Local Bargaining Committees met the Company at Local tables for Potomac, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. While some movement occurred, Verizon continues to reject the Unions' proposals.

The Company has indicated to the Bargaining Committee and through company communications that this is not an endless process. The Mid-Atlantic Bargaining Committee has worked tirelessly since June 22nd to find common ground that addresses both sides' needs. We are adamant that any agreement must address our needs and share in this company's success and if not the fight will be taken to the streets.

All members should be prepared in the event a strike is called and continue to stay engaged in mobilization activities. The Bargaining Committee will continue to meet to bring this contract to a successful resolution. It will take all of us, prepared to do **WHATEVER IT TAKES**, to get the contract we need.

