

Regional Bargaining Report # 65 Thursday, April 28, 2016

The Mid-Atlantic Regional Committee met with the Company in Philadelphia this afternoon. The Company passed a comprehensive proposal, calling it the last best and final proposal, which still fails to address many of our members' concerns. We have been on strike for 16 days while the Company has been producing videos in an attempt to convince members that it has presented a deal we shouldn't refuse.

Do not be fooled by videos that do not tell the whole story. Our strike remains in full force and effect. Your bargaining team will remain in Philadelphia reviewing the Company's latest proposal and will be responding appropriately. While the Company has described its proposal as the last, best and final offer it is nothing more than a work in progress. Both sides are still obligated to continue negotiations so members should see this as just another scare tactic by the Company and not the end of the bargaining process.

Customer opinion of Verizon has hit a three-year low as Verizon executives refuse to settle a contract that would put our skilled technicians and experienced customer service workers back on the job. Our customers are already tired of the wait times, unsafe work practices and poor service being provided by untrained management replacement workers.

Keep your picket lines strong! Verizon is feeling the heat. Keep standing up and fighting back – they started this fight and we will finish it!