

## Regional Bargaining Report # 69 Thursday, May 5, 2016

The Mid-Atlantic Bargaining Committee met with the Company today. The Union passed several proposals on Overtime Administration. The Company later rejected the proposals claiming they would restrict its ability to manage the business. The committee challenged the company's rejections citing the stressful work environments that have been created by the excessive amount of overtime technicians are forced to work throughout Mid-Atlantic. The Union Committee pointed out to the Company the cost of the excessive overtime compared to hiring additional workers. This still did not result in any movement on the Company's position. It is clear this Company has no compassion for its employees or their families. Your committee will continue to fight every day at the table to reach a fair contract and end this strike.

Today was the shareholders meeting in Albuquerque, NM. CWA and IBEW members from around the country descended on that meeting to send a message and let those shareholders know how Lowell and his bunch are ruining lives and running this company into the ground.

In addition to the shareholders meeting, today was a National Day of Action to support Workers fighting against corporate greed at Verizon. Rallies and pickets across the country were held by our brothers and sisters in labor and many other allies joined us in our fight against Verizon's Corporate Greed.

As we continue to work hard at the table we appreciate everyone working hard on the picket lines. It is what you do there that makes the biggest difference here. Keep the pressure up!

Members should stay in touch with their Locals for bargaining information. These bargaining reports are sent to Locals and posted on Facebook and websites to provide members with a brief update on bargaining. We understand there are many rumors circulating and want to remind all members not to participate in the rumor game. If you have questions contact your Local Union for answers.