

CWA/IBEW Bargaining Update for Thursday, July 10, 2008

Bargaining resumed today in Rye, New York between CWA/IBEW 2213 and Verizon. This morning a Union sub committee met with the Company to discuss the Company's counter proposal on the arbitration process. During the afternoon session the full Union and Company bargaining committees met to continuing discussing jobs. The Unions gave the Company numerous examples where management has given our TRG and COEI work to contractors. The Unions made it clear to the Company that in addition to our current work the jobs of the future are a major priority in these talks. Bargaining has recessed for the day and is scheduled to resume tomorrow morning.

Results of the Strike Authorization vote will be announced next week. Mobilization plans are being finalized. Locals will be informing all members about the details of these important activities. Now is the time to send a clear message to Verizon management showing your support for the Union and the bargaining committee.