

CWA Bargaining Update for Monday, July 21, 2008

CWA resumed collective bargaining with Verizon today in Rye, New York. The two sides continued their discussions concerning jobs of the future and current work. The Unions stressed the importance of this matter being addressed properly in order to reach an overall agreement. The Company has not yet responded on this matter.

The CWA Vice Presidents, Chris Shelton, District 1, Ron Collins, District 2 and Ed Mooney, District 13 along with IBEW officials, Myles Calvey (New England) and John Miller (New Jersey) are meeting in Washington D.C. with high level Verizon management to insure that progress is being made at the Regional tables.

CWA reported today that more than 91% of its Verizon members voted to authorize a strike in balloting conducted over the last week among over 50,000 Verizon members in the Northeast.