

## CWA/IBEW BARGAINING TAPE MESSAGE

*Thursday, May 15, 2008*

CWA District 1, 2, and 13 as well as the IBEW have agreed to once again enter into "Early" Negotiations with Verizon. CWA President Larry Cohen and District One Vice President Chris Shelton met with Verizon CEO Ivan Seidenberg on Friday May 9, 2008, to discuss the possibility of early negotiations. Since that meeting, we have received agreements with the CWA 1,2,13 and IBEW Bargaining teams involved and are making arrangements to begin negotiations. We have a tentative start date of Tuesday May 27, 2008. We will update you as soon as we have more information involving these negotiations.