

CWA Bargaining Update for Friday, June 6, 2008

The CWA/IBEW 2213 Regional Bargaining Committee and the IBEW New England team resumed negotiations with Verizon today in Rye, New York. The Unions requested that the Company bring a representative from Blue Cross and Blue Shield to discuss the Medical Expense Plan and how they coordinate benefits with Medicare. During today's session the Blue Cross and Blue Shield representatives gave a presentation and your bargaining committee had many questions. The representatives also provided examples on how they processed the claims. The company needed to review some of the questions and will get back to the committee. Bargaining has adjourned for the day and is scheduled to resume Monday June 9, 2008. On Monday, your bargaining committee will continue discussions concerning jobs and future work. Your committee has made it clear that the jobs of the future in Verizon belong in our bargaining unit and negotiations will focus on these issues on Monday.