

CWA/IBEW Bargaining Update for Monday, July 28, 2008

CWA/IBEW 2213 and IBEW New England bargaining teams continued negotiations with Verizon today in Rye, New York. We thought that after Saturday's Rally the Company would get our loud and clear message regarding the Union's issues. It appears they still haven't heard us as no progress was made during today's Sub-committee meetings. At this late date all major issues have yet to be resolved---including jobs, benefits, retirement security and wages.

Our contracts expire on Saturday, August 2nd. Strike preparation continues on both the National and Local Union levels. Members should be contacting their Locals about picketing and strike duty assignments if they have not already done so. Be ready to do whatever it takes to protect our jobs, our benefits, our retirement security and our standard of living.

Verizon Wireless's contract expires Friday, August 1st. No progress has been made at that Bargaining table. Members in that Bargaining Unit should contact their Local for additional information.

The District 1 Alpha Units and Moonlight Units are in total sync with the other CWA Districts and IBEW units. District 1's Flying Squads should prepare for assignments.