

CWA Bargaining Update for Wednesday, May 28, 2008

The CWA/IBEW 2213 Regional Bargaining committee along with the IBEW New England team resumed negotiations with Verizon this morning in Rye, New York. Dennis Trainor, CWA Chief Negotiator gave the Union's opening statement in which he outlined the issues that the Union believes the Company must address if these talks are to result in a contract agreement. After Trainor completed his opening, IBEW Chair Myles Calvey, spoke on behalf of his members in the New England area.

The remainder of the morning session centered around discussions concerning jobs and future work. During the afternoon the parties turned their attention to the issues and problems created by the Company pertaining to the grievance and arbitration procedure. This included a discussion on the Company's reliance on outside legal counsel who impedes, prolongs and increases costs associated with the processes.

Bargaining has adjourned for the day. It will resume tomorrow morning Thursday, May 29, 2008.