



LOCAL 2-21 C.A.T. Letter

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The good news about today is that we didn't have to see the company at all. We worked through the mediator as we discussed CP-1 in great detail. Our District Director Mike Bolton was here to assist us today and will be back on August 2 when we plan to negotiate again. The Federal Mediator Don Maki will be at these negotiations as well. Through Mike Bolton we were better able to understand the strategic positioning/timing or possible ramifications of serving the company with a 10 day notice.

Even though the last round of negotiations was short, we did come up with some agreements back then that we TA'd today (tentative agreement). Those 3 TA's pertained to maintenance workers being able to take their last week of vacation one day at a time, clarification of the drug and alcohol policy and a settlement on our deferred maintenance proposal. We've discussed these 3 offers in past CAT letters as well as at the union meetings.

While there isn't anything earth shattering to report for today, we were able to finish the day on a positive note by setting another date in the near future to hopefully get closer to getting this thing done.

Thank you for your support.

In Solidarity,

Bryon Branstrom