



LOCAL 2-21 C.A.T. Letter

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With our District Director Mike Bolton on hand, we started right at 8:00 this morning working on a counter proposal for CP-1. The company took very little time in turning us down so we began working on other proposals to present as a package.

We presented our new proposal to the company at 6:00PM with Mike Bolton doing an excellent job explaining where we started and the obstacles we have been able to overcome to this point. Mike told them this is a fair offer and to give it some thought before coming back to the table. Our mediator, Don Maki, explained to the company this would be an all or nothing proposal in an attempt to get this new contract resolved.

After caucusing for about an hour, the company (through the mediator) said they would like to take more time to think it over and to discuss it with others. They said they would get back to us within a couple days with their answer/thoughts. We finished up around 7:30.

I've said all along that these negotiations were going to be long and that it was going to be a battle. Obviously we are dealing with the most contentious proposals right now which make negotiations even more difficult than ever before. It's to the point where we need to group things to get anything done. This takes a lot of time as we want to make sure we are representing the members to the best of our ability. The difficult part of this is there is some horse trading going on so we know some people will be upset while others will be happy.

There were no new dates set but as I stated earlier, we do expect to hear from the company within the next few days, at which time I will follow up with a copy of our proposal as well as their response.

Thank you for your support.

In Solidarity,

Bryon Branstrom