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## Illinois & NW Indiana 2009 AT&T Mobilization & Bargaining News

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**June 11, 2009- IBEW AT&T Bargaining Update #12**

**Our current contract with AT&T expires in 16 days.**

**Bargaining continued today** at the National and Local tables and in the sub-committees. In the Force Adjustment/Job Security subcommittee, our Union took the lead and outlined a plan to improve the current surplus/layoff language giving members greater job security.

**Progressive proposals to improve** our Vacations and Recognized Holidays were passed by your Union bargaining team; they also made proposals to improve the Customer Consultant job title.

To view our current contract [click here](#):

**The Local Table and sub-committees will meet next week**, while President/Business Manager Ron Kastner takes our fight to the International Telecommunications Conference. President Kastner, System Council T-3 Chairman Peter Pusateri, and IBEW Telecommunications Department Director Martha Pultar will meet next week with our International President Ed Hill and the Presidents of the other Locals in the T-3 Council to mobilize the full power of the IBEW nationwide in our battle with AT&T. President Kastner will also be reporting on the strike authorization meetings which are currently taking place. These standing room only meetings have proven once again the strength and commitment of our membership. Solidarity!

For a complete listing of the meetings [click here](#).

### **Stay Informed**

Visit the IBEW Local 21 bargaining page by [clicking here](#).

The union hotline and website will be updated as needed or when there is breaking news. Text messaging and email bargaining/mobilization alerts will be issued when necessary to keep all members informed as negotiations progress. The union hotline numbers are 630-415-2711 and from certain area codes 866-423-9582.

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### **Solidarity!**



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### Securing Jobs

**Yesterday and today June 10th**, bargaining sessions took place at both the National and Local negotiation tables. The main issues discussed in these sessions by our Union bargaining team focused on contract language dealing with job security and force adjustments. Our union team is working to make improvements to the language. A subcommittee was formed due to the complexity and importance of this issue.

**Tentative agreements were reached** on some other minor items. The subcommittee created to address memorandums also met today. Bargaining will resume on Thursday June 10th.

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### Strike Vote Authorization Meetings Continue

**The meetings have been packed.** Make plans to attend and hear the latest news on negotiations and then participate in the vote. Be apart of union democracy. A complete listing of meetings can be found [by clicking here.](#)

To get directions to these very important meetings [click here.](#)



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### **Solidarity Actions Intensify**

**IBEW members and retirees are visibly upset** by recent proposals passed by AT&T. Thousands of members took to the streets today, to protest the lack of respect being shown to them by AT&T. Solidarity actions will continue to intensify. Remember to wear blue on Thursdays. Informational picketing continues every Wednesday. If you are a premise technician, wear your uniform along with your solidarity bands and union pins.

It's not too late to purchase your solidarity gear. Buy it now [by clicking here.](#)



*For Rockdale Prem-techs it's a family affair.*

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