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

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SET TO TALK READY TO WALK!



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June 24, 2009- IBEW 21 AT&T Bargaining Update #15-Work Safe!

Our current contract with AT&T expires in 3 days.

AT&T Bargaining resumed on June 23rd negotiations included lengthy discussions over benefits. Today, the National and Local Bargaining Teams are still meeting with AT&T on a number of issues including Benefits and Job Security/Force Adjustment issues. With only 3 days left under our current contract, many issues remain unresolved. Your Union Bargaining Teams are committed to reaching the contract our hard-working, dedicated members deserve. They are inspired by your continued support demonstrated by your acts of solidarity. These are one the most difficult negotiations our union has faced at AT&T. Keep it up!

Work Safe!

While the temperatures and emotions are high, we must be sure to observe all safety measures with zero deviations. As we work mandatory overtime to provide our customers with excellent service, we must not sacrifice our personal safety. Make sure to remain hydrated and take rest breaks as necessary.

AT&T Strike Authorized

Our membership has voted in record numbers and proclaimed they are **READY to WALK!** The final votes have just been tabulated. By an overwhelming 98%, they have authorized our leadership to call a strike against AT&T if a contract settlement cannot be reached with the company. President Ron Kastner thanks all of our members for their strong vote of confidence in the Union bargaining teams. This mandate sends a strong message to AT&T that our members are fed up with the lack of respect at the bargaining table. Our members are rejecting AT&T's demands for concessions. We desire respect, job security, equal pay for equal work, good paying jobs with benefits, pensions and the retention of benefits for our retirees. While none of us wants to strike, we are willing to strike if provoked by AT&T!



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Have you seen the truck?

To see where our truck has traveled [click here.](#)



Our message is rolling on!

Solidarity Rally Locations

On Saturday June 27, 2009, there will be statewide picketing from 9pm until our contract expires at midnight. It is vitally important we all attend these rallies to send the message to AT&T "enough's enough we're set to talk and ready to walk!"

Please bring your picket signs and a flashlight or candle to light up the night and expose AT&T's greed.

Hoffman Estates- AT&T Headquarters

2001 Lakewood Blvd

Contact: *Mark Banning 224-456-4540*

Note: *Picketing will be at the West entrance you can park in the AMC Theater Lot there will be a shuttle to the AT&T Headquarters.*

Chicago

225 W. Randolph

Contact: *Nancy North 312-320-9904*

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990 Southside Dr.

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2501 N Center

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Rock Island

635 18th Street

Contact: Bill Henne 815-354-0300

Champaign-Urbana- just added!

201 S. Neil

Contact: Barry Voorhees 217-202-7580

For directions to the rally locations [click here.](#)

Our retirees standing up for their rights!



Joliet- 65 Webster

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Let our CEO know how you feel

If you haven't done so already, send your letter to Randall Stephenson, and your elected officials. Tell them, "Enough is enough" you're fed up with AT&T's corporate greed and the damage its doing. Urge them to demand AT&T to bargain a fair contract. To send your letter [now click here.](#)

Facebook, MySpace, Twitter Users

Get your friends and family involved in this campaign by adding this link: www.attgreed.com to your pages. Include a personal message on why it's important to you, that they get involved and send a message.

Stay Informed

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. Sign up for text messaging updates [by clicking here.](#)

Solidarity!