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### AT&T "Legacy T" Bargaining Report #39

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The full team met with the Company yesterday on several issues. Some progress has been made on the National Transfer Plan, but there are still some key aspects of the plan we are working to improve.

Over 40 Legacy T Locals were on a call last night, during which VP Ralph Maly described the current state of bargaining and mobilization plans for the coming weeks. He made it clear the Company has moved very little since April 4, and we are still VERY far apart on Health Benefits and other issues. He also reminded everyone that the Company is still refusing to even discuss Medical Benefits for current retirees. We know it is hard to keep up a high level of mobilization activity for so long but it is very important.

The Company has gone directly to the membership again with another letter to those in District 6. AT&T Exec John Stankey is trying to get them to vote on the terrible "last, best and final" proposal they put out to AT&T Southwest employees. The Company continues to gloss over the retrogressive pieces of their proposal – the two-tier benefits (for current employees and new hires), the take-aways in the Articles, the huge cost shifting. These members will not be fooled into believing the Company's propaganda.

Our bargaining team has been released to go home for the Memorial Day week-end. Many of them have only been home once since February 19 (some not at all). The next report will probably not be posted until next Wednesday.



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