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### CWA D4 AT&T Midwest Bargaining Report #30 4/17/09

Discussions continued in the health care discussion group on Thursday. The good news is that we have a much more complete understanding of the company's proposal and our differences. The bad news is that those differences are substantial. CWA has always been willing to find practical solutions that solve problems in a way that is mutually beneficial. What we are not willing to do is accept massive cost shifting of AT&T's health care costs to us in ways that not only reduce everyone's standard of living, but also victimize those with the misfortune to have specific medical problems. AT&T needs to get real about SOLVING this problem, instead of trying to dump it on us. Talks will continue in the health care discussion group today and possibly through the weekend.

**Mobilization News:** On April 16, hundreds of CWA members and retirees rallied outside the AT&T headquarters in Indianapolis, Indiana. Local 4900 President Tim Strong hosted the event. Indiana AFL-CIO President Ken Zeller and 34th District State Representative Dennis Tyler spoke and pledged their support in our fight to win a fair contract. CWA District 4 Vice President Seth Rosen told the spirited crowd:

***"With the difficult issues that divide us, you may wonder why we're not on strike...the answer is that we are making time work for us. A strike is still a very likely possibility, but it will be at a time of our choosing--maybe today, maybe tomorrow, maybe the day they decide to give us our keys and passes back. We continue to ratchet up the pressure and escalate our mobilization activities each and every day. That's how we make time work for us."***

Members of Local 4703 in New Albany, Indiana, have three informational pickets a day. This Saturday, they have an informational picket scheduled at the Jeffersonville central office during the Thunder Over Louisville Festival.

On Monday, April 20, CWA locals in Wisconsin will meet in Milwaukee at Local 4603 and have informational picketing scheduled at several key locations.

Meetings are taking place with CWA Staff and Local Stewards to discuss in more detail the next phase of our fight to win a fair contract.

Contact your Local's mobilization coordinator or officers to find out about your Local's activities.

Tell your family and friends to go to <http://www.standupforworkers.com> sign the online support statement for our fight to win a fair contract with AT&T.

The next bargaining report will be Monday, April 20, or sooner should developments warrant.