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CWA D4 AT&T Midwest Bargaining Report #35 4/24/09

Talks continued on Thursday with no progress on key issues. Our bargaining committee has been working long and hard to send a clear message to AT&T that we are willing to work together to solve problems, but massive retrogression in all areas including health care, employment security, retirement and more is not the way we solve problems.

A corporation that made over three billion dollars last quarter needs to be a leader, not a follower of failed companies who are slashing the standard of living of middle class workers!

When AT&T is willing to work together with us to solve problems rather than trying to dump all their costs off their books and onto our backs, is when we will start to make progress. As we heard from all of our leaders on the Unity E-Meeting last night, we need to take our mobilization to another level in order to move these negotiations forward. Negotiations are continuing today and likely through the weekend.

Vice President Rosen has scheduled a very important conference call with all AT&T Local Presidents for Sunday, April 26 at 8 PM (EDT).

Mobilization News: To win the contract we deserve, we will do whatever it takes! That's the message CWA members around the country are sending AT&T as we start to take our Mobilization to a whole new level.

Yesterday, almost 400 CWA members and supporters from other AFL-CIO and Change to Win unions gathered in Columbus, Ohio to rally at the Statehouse. We were at the Statehouse to send a clear message to both AT&T and our State Legislators that we will lobby and fight to prevent AT&T's deregulation Bill from being passed in Ohio this year.

Speakers at the rally included a State Legislator who proudly held up his union card as he shouted that he stands with CWA in our fight for the middle class!

Last night, more than 5,200 ports were open for CWA's first Unity E-meeting. Since many locals participated in the meeting on a single port, there may have been many more thousands of people

involved in the meeting—making it, perhaps, the largest union meeting in American history! President Larry Cohen and Executive Vice President Annie Hill ran the meeting and answered members' questions. Secretary-Treasurer Jeff Rechenbach, our own District 4 Vice President, Seth Rosen, and District 6 Vice President Andy Milburn provided recorded messages about the mobilization efforts—including plans for AT&T's annual meeting in Texas.

Stay on top of things by joining the Ready@AT&T network: Text the word **“READY”** to **69866** for regular mobilization updates.

Meetings of CWA Staff and Stewards will continue around the District to plan new mobilization activities. Contact your Local's mobilization coordinator or officers to find out more about upcoming actions!

Please go to: <http://www.standupforworkers.com> and sign our online support statement and spread the word among your family and friends.

The next report will be on Monday, April 27, or sooner should developments warrant.