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**CWA D4 AT&T Midwest Bargaining Report #48**

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By now, you may have heard that AT&T put a “last, best, and final” offer on the table in District 6, AT&T Southwest. A “last, best, and final” offer is usually made by a company to try and signal that they have reached a “bottom line.” However, there are some things that all members should understand about what this means for us in the Midwest:

\*\*We are continuing to bargain in the Midwest, and there has not been any such “last, best, and final” proposal made at our table, nor do we expect one anytime soon. Informal discussion went on Tuesday in the Midwest, and we expect to have discussion of the full range of issues on Wednesday as well. Our committee continues to work hard to get members in the Midwest the contract that they deserve. We believe that negotiations are the best way to get there.

\*\*These are all separate contracts, and the proposal in District 6/AT&T Southwest does not have any direct impact on any of the other tables, all of whom are continuing to bargain.

\*\*The “summary” of the Southwest offer is a “highlights” document that doesn’t reveal all of the retrogressive details included in that proposal. Our committee will analyze those details as soon as we get a copy of the full proposal.

Meanwhile, our bargaining committee in the Midwest will keep working hard to get the best possible contract for our members.

**Mobilization News:** Members across the Midwest are working safely and taking all necessary steps to perform a quality job. In Illinois, Local 4217 has designated this week as Health Care Week. Members are wearing bandages to work and are blowing bubbles, just like AT&T wants to blow off our Health Care!

It’s **CRITICAL** that we continue to keep the heat turned up so AT&T understands we are prepared to do **WHATEVER IT TAKES** to win a fair contract!

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

Please go to [www.standupforworkers.com](http://www.standupforworkers.com) and sign our online petition to win a fair contract with AT&T.

The next report will be on Thursday, May 14, or sooner should developments warrant



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