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CWA D4 AT&T Midwest Bargaining Report #5

Spring must be on the way because the temperature is starting to rise...at the Midwest Regional table! The District 4 CWA Bargaining team let management know in no uncertain terms that we were not interested in any of their retrogressive proposals.

"You need to understand", stated Bargaining Committee Chair Jerry Schaeff, "our members did not send us here to destroy everything they have worked hard for through the years. They sent us here to protect what we have gained through the years, and to share in the continued profits and growth our members have helped to achieve for AT&T.

The most important message I want to get across is simple....let's turn the corner and get serious about negotiating a real contract for real employees who have dedicated their lives and their families' lives to making this Company what it is today. Let's be honest with each other at this table and try and work through issues to reach a settlement and stop participating in what appears to be a goal to systematically coordinate the destruction of our contract."

This is the time to get serious....with only **19** days left until our contract expires.

MOBILIZATION NEWS:

Membership mobilization continues to heat up also.

Locals are gearing up for Job Security Day on March 19. Many locals have other activities planned this week. For example, Local 4900 is holding informational pickets on St. Patrick's Day and will have their first "Hump Day" on March 18. Local 4621 is planning ahead and ordering more picket signs.

Negotiations will continue this week. Contact your Chief Steward or officers to find out about your Local's activities.

The next report will be on Tuesday, March 24, or sooner, should developments warrant.