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Informal talks continued all day Friday and throughout the weekend. We continue to make some progress at narrowing the gap between the union and the company positions, but major issues are still not resolved. Discussions this weekend covered many issues including Prem Tech, employment security, various retirement issues, benefits language and "leveraged" Service Rep. We continue to believe that, while progress has been slow, it is only through serious bargaining that we can arrive at a contract that is fair to both sides. We've requested to meet in sub committees today.

Talks also begin this week for the IBEW, who represent employees in Illinois and at Legacy-T. Their contract expires on June 27, 2009. While these are separate contracts that cannot be coordinated, we have been in communications with the IBEW and have kept each other informed as these negotiations have unfolded.

Mobilization News: Locals continue to mobilize across the Midwest. Local 4302 retirees are writing letters to Randall Stephenson. The Local has a meeting planned for this Friday for both members and retirees to discuss our mobilization strategy. This Thursday, May 21, Local 4900 is hosting a rally in South Bend, Indiana at the Ameritech Warehouse at 4:00 PM.

Contact your Local's mobilization coordinator or officers to find out about your Local's activities. The next report will be on Tuesday, May 19, or sooner should developments warrant.



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