

## **Bargaining Report –September 18, 2015**

The Bargaining Committee had several off table meetings this week for Call Sharing and medical benefits. These discussions allow the two sides to discuss concerns openly. Many questions remain on core topics within the company's proposal.

Information was requested and is being reviewed. We will continue to negotiate for the work to service our customers. We do not believe that a vendor has the same interests as we do when it comes to our customers. We remain optimistic that we will be able to address company needs while protecting the Union's interests. A proposal on medical is being formulated as data provided by the company is reviewed. The Unions have worked very hard to contain costs in our benefit plans while providing quality service for our members and their families. There will be a recess in bargaining due to scheduling and will reconvene on October 5. Conference calls between the parties will take place as needed.

Continue to participate in informational pickets and rallies. Our Active members and Retirees are doing a great job and it really does get noticed.

A rally is scheduled on October 1 at 6000 Hadley Rd (plant school), South Plainfield 5pm-7pm. Come out and let Verizon know that you are one of their greatest assets and have contributed to the success of Verizon. You deserve a fair contract. You have earned your benefits, wages, pension and 401k.

Continue to care for our customers, they are our future. You do your part and we will work hard to bring back the best contract possible.

Your Bargaining Committee reminds you.....Work Safe-Be Strong- Stay United