

Mr. McAdam & Mr. Reed,

I am aware that my VZ retiree benefits are on the bargaining table at this time. I worked as a lineman for 32.5 years. My knees are shot, my shoulders are shot, my hips are shot and my back is shot. I always gave the company my 100% in doing my job and did it very well.

I am asking that you do the right thing in retaining my benefits now that I am retired. The day I was hired, I was told by a 2nd level supervisor "the pay may not be that good (\$95.50 per week gross) but you'll have healthcare for the rest of your life". Please don't make a liar out of that supervisor. A company and the people who run it should stand behind their workers whether it be active or retired.

The workers are the people that make the company a profitable one and got the company to this point. Again, I ask that you do the right thing and preserve our retiree benefits.

John C. Brickner,

A Lineman Retiree