



Bell 2012 Bargaining

November 19, 2012

BELL CRAFT BARGAINING BULLETIN #9

Sisters and Brothers,

Last week the bargaining committee presented a comprehensive package to the Company regarding all of the outstanding issues, including our proposals for monetary improvements.

We also gave a full presentation to the Company of the appropriate terms and conditions that should apply to those people who will be hired during the next collective agreement, or as Bell calls it in “the Bell of Tomorrow”. We expect to have a comprehensive reply from the Company this week.

We are now at the stage in bargaining where we will be making the final push to try to reach a tentative agreement that we can recommend for acceptance.

If we are able to reach an acceptable tentative agreement over the next two weeks, we will have met the Union’s goal of concluding bargaining before the expiry of the current collective agreement.

We have tentatively arranged for a bargaining caucus for November 29th in Ottawa, in the event we have reached a tentative agreement, where the details of that agreement can be reviewed by local union delegates in advance of the vote.

The parties have agreed that since the discussions over the next two weeks will likely be quite intense, it is appropriate that a full communication blackout be respected by both sides until we have something substantial to report, hopefully in the form of a tentative agreement.

Therefore, weekly bargaining reports will now be suspended until such time as we have either reached an agreement, or, if not, that we are preparing a different plan of action.

Solidarity works!

Your CEP Bargaining Committee

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The following link to the CEP webpage contains all bargaining bulletins and information:

<http://www.cep.ca/en/cep-action/bargaining/bell-bargaining>

Please bookmark for future reference.