

CWA/IBEW Verizon Early Bargaining Report

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The parties met today and there was intense and sometimes angry discussion on the subject of subcontracting, access to jobs and employment security. The Union pointed out that our members provide Verizon's competitive edge. The Union also reminded the company that Verizon opposed all attempts at a National Healthcare solution and are now demanding concessions from our members. Operators argued the need to provide work for our members.

The Unions are scheduled to meet with the company at 9:30am tomorrow morning. The Unions will work on preparing the framework for a comprehensive counter proposal.

Every single member has something to gain or loose. While we all don't have to be fighting for the same issues, we all do have to be in the same fight.

Mobilize!!!

Ron Collins