



Negotiations Update

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Yesterday, the Gas Company has proven once again that their word is worthless.

After asking for a contract extension on Sept 30, agreeing to resume negotiations on Oct 11 thru Oct 14, the company decided yesterday (the first day of the resumed negotiations) to no longer honor its commitment and obligation to bargain through the agreed upon dates by handing the Union a "last, best and final offer." The company did this in front of the Federal Mediator, who was good enough to make himself and his office available through the entire week. The company's behavior yesterday is typical of what the JSC deals with, day in and day out.

The Company removed several proposals including their proposal to contract out service bureau work, undermine the planning department, and stop double time on the seventh day. Clearly they heard directly from the membership during their captive audience meetings where they got "an earful". They need to hear more from you!

However their proposals on pensions, post-retirement medical and no pay increase in 2011 remain on the table among several other takeaways. Since the Company is still insisting on a number of outrageous takeaways, the union will continue to bargain in good faith, despite the Company's shameful behavior.

Stay Strong, Stay United, Together We Can Accomplish Anything!