

CWA District 9/AT&T West

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Again today, there was no formal session as we continue to wait for the company response to our data request. We met with the company in the MOA subcommittee and in the Employment Security/Force Movement subcommittee. Discussions were held regarding converting term employees to regular for those currently on payroll, a process in the future where the terms would have opportunity in AUTS prior to external hires. We also requested that the company cease work completing terms until we have finished bargaining the issue. We also continued the discussion on the Premises Technicians substandard working conditions, compensation and benefits.

AT&T says we need health care that is more market-based. "We cannot have this group of employees in the declining part of the business have the best health care."

It's disconcerting to your committee that a company doing as well as AT&T is turning their backs on the retirees and trying to use the economy as the reason they want give backs. AT&T has both hands in the cookie jar and they're trying to convince the world they're on a diet.

Join the AT&T National Unity e-Meeting Thursday, April 23 at 6 pm PDT with CWA President Larry Cohen and Executive Vice President Annie Hill

You must register in advance at www.cwaunion.tv. After registering, you will be able to submit questions you would like addressed during the meeting.

Please share this information with your fellow members. We want to make sure everyone has the opportunity to be involved.

Keep the pressure on! The company is feeling the heat, but we must convince them that they must change course and negotiate a fair and just contract.

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