



## **BARGAINING BULLETIN # 16 2/22/10**

The Union and the Company met today in full committee. The Union questioned the Company very intensely on numbers of contractors they provided to the CPUC in response to the CPUC's information request. The Company was again questioned about the amount of work and what job functions were being done in Tijuana. The Company stated Telvista was taking HSI calls, work that could be done here in California. The Union presented a proposed MOA for a joint committee chaired by high level Union and Verizon officials for the purpose of finding ways to reduce contracting levels. The Union also discussed changes to Article 7, the contracting of work. With our jobs being outsourced we need stronger language in the contract. The Union also presented proposals on an increase of sickness and accident benefits payouts, a job upgrade, and a differential for high security clearance. The Company discussed a proposal on changing the way employees accrue vacation time and also health benefits affecting the Regional Wire Service employees. The Union and Company will meet again Tuesday morning.

### **In Solidarity**

#### **Your Bargaining Committee**

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***If capitalism is fair then unionism must be. If men have a right to capitalize their ideas and the resources of their country, then that implies the right of men to capitalize their labor.***

*Franklin Lloyd Wright*