



## **BARGAINING BULLETIN # 17 2/23/2010**

**The Union and the Company met today with full committees. The Union proposed changes to Article 8, Force Realignment. The Union proposed increases to mileage and meal allocations, Article 25. Your Bargaining Committee also proposed increases in vacation weeks and the ability to use your vacation time. Your committee also proposed an upgrade for *Operator II*. Additional proposals to make the employees of the Maintenance Control Operations West group in Long Beach part of the bargaining unit and placed at Schedule 12 were presented. The Union Committee also proposed a Memorandum of Agreement that covers all understandings between the Company and the Union concerning union organizing of Verizon Wireless.**

**The Company offered additional information on their medical benefits proposal. They also provided information requested by the Union on their proposed split-shifts for the FSC. The Company was fiercely questioned on the necessity of this proposal.**

**Tomorrow will be a work day to prepare counter proposals for the Company. Your Union Committee will meet the Company again on Thursday morning to continue bargaining for the fair and equitable contract YOU deserve.**

**In Solidarity  
Your Bargaining Committee**

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David Goodwin  
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*Poorly paid Labor is inefficient Labor, the world over.  
Henry George*