



BARGAINING BULLETIN # 33 3/13/2010

After multiple meetings and hours over the past 3 days, the company has arrogantly and without any valid explanation refused to continue meeting with your committee. At this time the company has failed to respond in any meaningful way to a large majority of the union's proposals to improve and solidify the wages, working conditions and security of our members.

The company insists that the union agree to a draconian mandatory leveraged sales scheme that would put 30% of the pay currently received by our members who do sales at risk. The company insists that the union abandon all proposals seeking any type of parity with other bargaining units. The company insists we agree to a completely substandard medical benefits proposal.

We are far from any type of acceptable settlement and it is up to the company to make movement if this contract is to be settled.

The current situation is totally unacceptable and we will conduct a strike vote next week. Mobilization workplace solidarity activities continue and escalate to bring the company back to the table.

Our next bulletin will be issued Monday morning.

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*If the workers took a notion they could stop all speeding trains;
Every ship upon the ocean they can tie with mighty chains.
Every wheel in the creation, every mine and every mill;
Fleets and armies of the nation, will at their command stand still.
Joe Hill*