

BUSINESS MANAGERS REPORT

October 2, 2019

THE NUMBER OF PLANT CASES IN ARBITRATION STANDS AT 9

THE STEWARDS OF THE LOCAL WILL MEET ON WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 16, 2019 AT THE LOCAL UNION OFFICE. THIS MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 5:30 PM.

THE STEWARDS OF THE LOCAL WILL MEET ON TUESDAY OCTOBER 15, 2019 IN MALDEN AT 5:00 PM.

THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE LOCAL WILL MEET ON WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 16, 2019 AT THE LOCAL UNION OFFICE. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 1:00PM

AVAYA

IBEW AND AVAYA HAVE AGREED TO A ONE YEAR CONTRACT EXTENSION THROUGH 2020. ANY QUESTIONS CALL THE UNION HALL AT 617-929-6000.

SALES

EVERYONE SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED THE INFORMATION ON OPEN ENROLLMENT. THE OPEN ENROLLMENT PERIOD BEGINS OCTOBER 8, 2019 THROUGH OCTOBER 17, 2019. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR NEED ASSISTANCE CALL THE VERIZON BENEFITS CENTER AT 855-489-2367. IF YOU WANT TO KEEP THE SAME COVERAGE THERE IS NO ACTION NEEDED.

AS WE ARE APPROACHING THE END OF THE YEAR THE UNION WILL BE MEETING TO DISCUSS TOURS, VACATIONS AND OVERTIME RULES FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR. IF YOU HAVE ANY SUGGESTIONS ON CHANGING ANY OVERTIME RULES PLEASE SEE YOUR STEWARD. ANY CHANGES WILL BE PUT TO A VOTE.

CABLE AND LINE

AS WE APPROACH DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ON NOVEMBER 4, 2019 IT IS IMPORTANT THAT ALL VEHICLES ARE IN WORKING ORDER. WHILE DOING YOUR CIRCLE CHECK INSPECTION OF YOUR VEHICLE PAY CLOSE ATTENTION TO ALL LIGHTS; HEADLIGHTS, HIGH BEAMS AND HAZARDS, AS WELL AS WINDSHIELD WIPERS BEFORE DRIVING THE VEHICLE. IF YOU FIND ANYTHING NOT IN PROPER WORKING CONDITION RETURN THE TRUCK TO THE MOTOR POOL FOR REPAIR.

THE COMPANY HAS DECIDED TO HAVE OSMOS COMPANY TRUSS AND TREAT MORE AND MORE POLES. PLEASE REMEMBER IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO INSPECT THE POLES BEFORE YOU CLIMB. IF YOU FIND ROT IN THE POLES PLEASE NOTIFY YOUR SUPERVISOR AND REPORT THE POLE FOR REPLACEMENT. HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

SST

THERE HAS BEEN NO AGREEMENT WITH THE COMPANY DIMINISHING THE TWO MAN AREA. MANAGEMENT INFORMED THE UNION THAT THE SECOND MAN WOULD TAKE PRODUCTIVE CODES RATHER THAN AN ESCORT CODE. THIS DOES NOT MEAN THAT TECHS MUST SEPARATE DURING THE JOB. IT SIMPLY MEANS THAT THE SECOND MAN WILL BE TAKING PRODUCTIVE CODES AND CAN DO PRODUCTIVE WORK. IF YOU ARE DIRECTED TO SEPARATE FROM YOUR PARTNER IN THE TWO MAN AREA CALL THE UNION OFFICE.

THERE ARE CURRENTLY THREE BIDS FOR SST'S @ 173 BOSTON ST DORCHESTER FOR THE BOSTON BUILD. THESE BIDS CLOSE ON OCTOBER 15.

THE COMPANY AND THE UNION MET ON MONDAY SEPTEMBER 30 TO DISCUSS I&M WORK FORCE IMBALANCES. THE COMPANY INITIALLY WANTED TO MOVE SEVERAL WIRE CENTERS AND TRANSFER TECHS BETWEEN LOCALS. WE WERE ABLE TO AGREE TO TRY VOLUNTARY

CANVASSES WITHIN THE LOCAL AS WELL AS SOME BIDS. THE COMPANY AND THE UNION WILL CONTINUE TO MEET PERIODICALLY TO ADDRESS WORK FORCE IMBALANCES IN AN EFFORT TO PROTECT THE WORK BELONGING IN OUR LOCAL AS WELL AS AVOIDING HARDSHIPS TO OUR MEMBERS CAUSED BY INVOLUNTARY TRANSFERS

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WE ARE RECEIVING MANY CALLS ASKING FOR INFORMATION REGARDING A SURPLUS/IPP OFFER. THE COMPANY IS PLANNING A SURPLUS FOR LATE 4 TH QUARTER, BUT WE DO NOT HAVE ANY SPECIFIC NUMBERS OR LOCATIONS. THERE ARE MANY RUMORS CIRCULATING, BUT AT THE PRESENT TIME THEY ARE JUST THAT, RUMORS. WE WILL PROVIDE ANY UPDATES AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE.

IF YOU ARE CANVASSED FOR ANYTHING BY MANAGEMENT, PLEASE CHECK WITH YOUR STEWARD OR CALL THE UNION OFFICE TO BE SURE WE ARE AWARE OF IT. ALSO, BE SURE YOU UNDERSTAND THE PARAMETERS BEFORE PARTICIPATING IN ANY CANVASS.

WE ARE AWAITING A RESPONSE FROM THE COMPANY REGARDING USING THE COEI DEPARTMENT TO PERFORM VERIZON WIRELESS WORK, RATHER THAN WIRELESS CONTRACTING THAT WORK OUT. STAY TUNED.

WE ARE AWARE OF THE ELEVATOR ISSUE AT BOWDOIN SQUARE. THE COMPANY STATES THEY ARE ADDRESSING THE ISSUE, INCLUDING THE INSTALLATION OF NEW ELEVATORS. IN THE MEANTIME, IF THEY ARE DOWN, MAKE YOUR PERSONAL SAFETY A PRIORITY.

PLANT CLERICAL

ANY MEMBER WHO HAD A CHILD IN SUMMER CAMP SHOULD HAVE SUBMITTED THEIR FORM FOR REIMBURSEMENT AT THE END OF SEPTEMBER. IF YOU MISSED THAT DATE, PLEASE CONTACT THE UNION OFFICE AT 617-929-6000.

MANAGEMENT HAS INFORMED THE UNION THAT THEY WILL BE INCREASING THE DU SCHEDULE FOR THE AA'S IN THE DI GROUP IN BOWDOIN SQUARE. THE SCHEDULE WILL INCREASE FROM 2 TO 4 CLERKS BEGINNING LATER THIS MONTH.