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BUSINESS MANAGERS REPORT

JULY 1, 2024

THE NUMBER OF PLANT CASES IN ARBITRATION STANDS AT 0.

THE STEWARDS OF THE LOCAL WILL MEET ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 17, 2024 AT NOON VIA CONFERENCE CALL.

THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE LOCAL WILL MEET ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2024 AT THE LOCAL UNION OFFICE. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 1 PM.



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THE PROGRAMMABLE ARBITRATION CASE CONTINUED JUNE 17TH. BOTH SIDES ASSUMED THAT THIS WOULD MOST LIKELY BE THE LAST DAY OF THE CASE, BUT IT TURNED OUT TO BE A LONG AND SLOW DAY. THERE ARE TWO MORE DATES SCHEDULED AUGUST 22ND AND AUGUST 23RD.

THE STAFF CRAFTS IN LOCAL 2222 HAVE BEEN TRAINED TO TAKEOVER LEAD TRAINING, WHICH IS NOW UNDER WAY IN MOST LOCATIONS.

EXPOSURE TO LEAD IS NOW KNOWN TO BE EVEN MORE OF A SERIOUS HEALTH CONDITION THAN PREVIOUSLY THOUGHT. SIMPLY BRUSHING UP AGAINST LEAD SHEATH CABLES WILL PUT LEAD PARTICLES ON YOUR CLOTHING. THIS SITUATION HAS CREATED A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF PREP WORK TO BE PERFORMED WHEN WORKING AROUND LEAD. PLEASE FOLLOW THE STAFF CRAFTS INSTRUCTIONS AND PROTECT YOURSELF. REMOVING THESE CABLES AND WORKING ON THEM IS OUR WORK AND WE NEED ALL THE WORK THAT WE CAN GET.

NEW HIRES. ONE NEW HIRE STARTED TRAINING IN SYRACUSE NEW YORK JUNE 20TH, ANOTHER STARTED IN SOUTHIE ON JUNE 24TH, AND ONE MORE STARTED IN SOUTHIE TODAY. THE COMPANY NOTIFIED THE UNION THAT THEY ARE HIRING 9 MORE TECHS IN NEWTON. THE NEW JOBS IN NEWTON ARE POSTED ON THE COMPANY'S WEBSITE VERIZON.COM/CAREERS. THERE ARE STUDY GUIDES AVAILABLE AT THE UNION HALL.

CABLE AND LINE

THE COMPANY WILL BE AWARDED ARPA MONEY AND BEAD MONEY FOR 27 CITIES AND TOWNS. THE OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT IS HELD UP AT THE MOMENT. THE MONEY WILL BE RELEASED EARLY FALL WITH THE WORK TO START IMMEDIATELY. THE APPLICATION PROCESS HAS STARTED FOR ROUND 2. WE HAVE SUBMITTED LETTERS OF SUPPORT FOR THESE PROJECTS. PARTS OF BOSTON, CENTRAL MASS, AND MERRIMACK VALLEY ARE INCLUDED IN THIS ROUND. MORE TO FOLLOW.

TO REALLY HIT IT HOME EVEN MORE, ALL THIS WORK WILL BE DONE BY UNION WORKERS AND THAT PUTS US IN A GOOD POSITION. THANKS TO PRESIDENT BIDEN AND HIS ADMINISTRATION. THIS IS NOT FAKE NEWS.

THE COMPANY ALSO NOTIFIED THE UNION THAT THEY HAVE APPROVAL FOR TWO OPT BIDS TO BE PLACED AT 649 SUMMER ST. YOU MAY POSSIBLY SEE THE BIDS AS EARLY AS JULY.

THE COMPANY INFORMED THE UNION THAT THEY ARE IN THE PROCESS OF ORDERING A VOLTAGE DETECTOR THAT WILL CLIP ONTO THE BRIM OF YOUR HARDHATS AND IT WILL NOTIFY YOU IF YOU'RE PUTTING YOUR HEAD CLOSE TO POWER. THIS TOOL WILL BE USED IN ADDITION TO SAFETY EQUIPMENT CURRENTLY IN USE. AT THIS POINT THERE ARE MORE QUESTIONS THAN ANSWERS ON THIS TOOL. THEY COULD SHOW UP AT YOUR LOCATION BEFORE AUGUST'S UNION MEETING. INITIALLY THIS TOOL WILL ONLY BE DISTRIBUTED TO OPTS.

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WE HAVE STRONG JOB SECURITY LANGUAGE IN OUR CONTRACT. HOWEVER, YOUR PERSONAL JOB SECURITY IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY. BE SMART, AND WORK SAFE.

VERIZON IS CONDUCTING AN AUDIT OF DEPENDENTS SUBSCRIBED TO MEMBER'S HEALTH INSURANCE. IF YOU RECEIVE A NOTIFICATION TO RE-CERTIFY YOUR SPOUSE OR DOMESTIC PARTNER, YOU MUST RESPOND OR RISK HAVING THEM DROPPED FROM YOUR PLAN. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL THE UNION OFFICE.

THE COMPANY HAS JOBS POSTED FOR EXTERNAL HIRES FOR SST'S AND BEM'S IN OUR LOCAL, AS WELL AS OTHER TITLES IN MA & RI. IF YOU HAVE A FAMILY MEMBER INTERESTED, PLEASE HAVE THEM APPLY AND NOTIFY THE UNION OFFICE. JOB POSTINGS CAN BE FOUND AT:

mycareer.verizon.com/jobs

WISHING YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES A HAPPY AND SAFE JULY 4TH HOLIDAY!

SALES

PLEASE MAKE SURE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE WORK AND FAMILY PROGRAM FOR SUMMER CAMP REIMBURSEMENTS DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS. CHECK WITH THE NEW ENGLAND WORK AND FAMILY COMMITTEE FOR ELIGIBILITY AND GUIDELINES AT WWW.NEWENGLANDWORKANDFAMILY.COM.

HAVE A SAFE AND PLEASANT FOURTH OF JULY!!!

GOOD OF THE UNION

THE *UNION STRONG APP* IS A TOOL TO QUICKLY COMMUNICATE WITH OUR MEMBERS. INFORMATION CAN BE SENT TO THE ENTIRE MEMBERSHIP, TO A SINGLE GARAGE OR WORK LOCATION, OR TO A SINGLE JOB TITLE.

ALL MESSAGES WILL BE SENT BY LOCAL 2222 ONLY. **YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION IS NOT SHARED, AND WILL NEVER BE SOLD.**

WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF UPGRADING TO THE NEW *UNION STRONG APP* PLATFORM. EXISTING USERS WILL RECEIVE INFORMATION SOON ON WHEN AND HOW TO DOWNLOAD THE NEW PLATFORM. IF YOU HAVE YET TO SUBSCRIBE, PLEASE DO SO TODAY AT:

unionstrong.app.link/ibew2222

POLITICS - MANY OF US HAVE HEARD THE TERM “RIGHT TO WORK”.

RIGHT TO WORK IS A EUPHEMISTIC TERM REFERRING TO A LAW BANNING MANDATED UNION MEMBERSHIP AS A CONDITION OF EMPLOYMENT, WHICH ALSO INCLUDES PAYING UNION DUES. THIS ALLOWS A MEMBER TO BENEFIT FROM THE UNION’S HARD WORK WITHOUT PAYING FOR IT. IT REALLY ALLOWS WORKERS TO HAVE A FREE RIDE, FINANCIALLY CRIPPLING UNIONS BECAUSE THEY MUST REPRESENT WORKERS EVEN THOUGH THEY ARE NOT PAYING TO FINANCIALLY SUPPORT THE UNION. THIS IS A POWERFUL LAW THAT CRIPPLES’ UNIONS. RIGHT TO WORK STATES ARE NOT GOOD STATES FOR UNIONS.

THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY IS HARDLY AN ORGANIZATION WORTHY OF US LAYING DOWN ON RAILROAD TRACKS FOR. UNFORTUNATELY, IT'S THE ONLY PARTY THAT COULD BE CONSIDERED FRIENDLY TOWARD US. UNFORTUNATELY, THERE ARE ONLY A FEW REPUBLICANS THAT SUPPORT US. WE AS A LABOR ORGANIZATION ARE NON-PARTISAN. UNFORTUNATELY, THE REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP DOES NOT SUPPORT LABOR UNIONS, NOR WANT COLLECTIVE BARGAINING FOR EMPLOYEES.

AS MENTIONED IN PREVIOUS BUSINESS MANAGERS REPORTS, PRESIDENT BIDEN PUBLICLY SAID "I PLAN TO BE THE MOST PRO-UNION PRESIDENT LEADING THE MOST PRO-UNION ADMINISTRATION IN AMERICAN HISTORY." PRESIDENT BIDEN ALSO SAID ON JANUARY 8, 2021, "EVERYONE IS ENTITLED TO BE TREATED WITH DIGNITY." AND THAT'S WHAT LABOR UNIONS ARE ALL ABOUT: DIGNITY. THE OTHER GUY SAID THE OPPOSITE. ON APRIL 16, 2019, RAND PAUL INTRODUCED A NATIONAL RIGHT TO WORK BILL. DONALD TRUMP PROMISED TO SIGN THE BILL IF IT REACHES HIS DESK. IT'S SOMEWHAT TRAGIC THAT WE CAN LOSE SO MUCH SO QUICKLY. REMEMBER THAT IN NOVEMBER.