

Bargaining Solidarity Update #17

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The Union gave to the Company **Union Package #2** and the Company, after a long caucus, gave us **Company Package #2**. The IBEW Package made some changes from the first one but was not significantly different – as the Company had not changed their position on the health care or other anti-union issues. The Company's responding Package #2 was little changed from their first.

As a result, the parties finally had a serious discussion about the direction the Employer seems to want to take on health insurance. While they did not yield much of any detail, they did agree to bring more information and direction to the table tomorrow after the Union proposed a joint meeting with IBEW, OPEIU and the Company. IBEW does not normally bargain on Thursday – a day reserved for OPEIU – so we appreciate OPEIU's willingness to share this bargaining time with us.

At this point the Company's proposals aimed at the Union's financial situation as well as our bargaining rights over health insurance remain unchanged.

For more details please talk to your **Solidarity Committee Representative**.

In Solidarity,

IBEW 2304 Bargaining Committee