

Hello Brothers and Sisters

The company starts their proposal to the public about how this is the proposal to be competitive. No shit? 39 Billion is not competitive? Even if the part about us being only 2 billion of the profit? So 6 billion in the last three years requires the company to displace 123 families, stop your pension at 30 years, freeze that pension buyout without adjusting for the updated mortality rates, and temporarily assign you to another area for 120 days. Not sure about how you may be feel but I spent my 120 days at a time away from my family and it was called serving Uncle Sam. I got the hell out of there so I could have a family. The job security that pre 2003 employees have is up in the air? That was an agreement that was made that allowed the company to become the corporate greedy bastards that they are now, known as Verizon. Marc gReed and Lowell the liar live in different world then we do. They wouldn't mind being moved 70 miles because they would buy 3 houses in between. I am not going to spend paragraph after paragraph dissecting this offer but I sure as hell hope that if Mike Somers and his 22 years of loyalty to the Union needed my brothers and sisters to strike longer then 16 days so I would not have to uproot my family, I would hope they would.

We are currently looking for any pictures of scabs or managers committing safety violations. We need to know the location and date of these infractions so that we can take these to OSHA. This is already in the process and we need this information asap. Tomorrow I will be going with one of my brothers to go scab hunting! We will be armed with our cameras and signs. If anyone else is looking to go make sure you go with a partner or two and video and take pictures. We have done everything first class and we will continue to do so. Please send these pictures to the hall with as much information as possible.

There are many pictures of scabs and managers performing struck work, being placed on websites and social media sites. Do not speculate the names of scabs and do not post their names unless you know 100% that it is the scab you are saying. Today my Brother, Rob

Barry was speculated as being a scab after a picture was posted of a person that maybe vaguely resembled Rob twenty years ago. Someone posting Rob's name next to the picture with a question mark or a maybe its Rob? This is not acceptable and Rob is not only no scab he is a damn good Union man and a good friend.

This company has no intention of offering us a fair contract until they see if a bunch of people cross the picket lines on Sunday to scab. I have no fear of this happening and if anyone is still not clear on how the Union will cover every member and every family member with any needed medical coverage you should check out the website or call the hall. The CWA will be covering everyone as being self insured and if needed they will pick up Cobra coverage. Today our community services committee met and processed all the paperwork that was handed in for members that needed coverage. I have spoken to some of these members and will be speaking to others tomorrow.

On Saturday we will be picketing the Verizon Wireless store in Frederick from 11:00a.m. until 4:00p.m. I am looking for as many people as possible to show up and I am looking for retirees, other Unions and families to come walk the line with us. Show verizon that we will stand together and that we will not bow down to their greed and arrogance and we will fight for every family and continue to do what others only talk about. Lean on each other and hold each other up. Union Strong!

Members on disability or on leave of absence or retired do not lose their medical coverage on May 1st. They are not on strike.

THE TELEPHONE MAN IS ON STRIKE AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE UNTIL WE GET A FAIR CONTRACT

The walrus is adding additional anchors in the foundation

"They can only do that if you let them"

In Unity,

*Mike Somers *

President

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