

TAPE UPDATE FRIDAY 05-25-2006

Union leaders from CWA and IBEW met at local 2320 in Manchester, NH to mobilize to stop Verizon from selling landlines in VT, NH and ME. IBEW and CWA are committed to work together. Remember, if Verizon is successful this will affect every member in every state. All business and residential service reps take calls everyday from NH, VT and ME. What will happen to our jobs if those customers disappear. Rural areas are under attack, Verizon is once again showing they do not care about the people that work tirelessly day after day for them. All the big wigs in Verizon care about is how can they their own pockets with more money.

On May 16, 2006 CWA Local 1400 President Cheryl Ahern and Maine District Vice President Ann Mussenden met with Maine Governor Baldacci. Governor Baldacci agreed to write a letter to Verizon CEO Ivan Seidenberg, to stop the sell off of landlines.

We currently have a backlog of 200 Verizon grievances, your Local 1400 Officers are working very hard to clean this up. We appreciate your patience if you have a grievance waiting to be heard. A special thanks to Executive Vice President Meg Collins for making a dent in the backlog by staying up late prepping and pinning the company down with grievance dates.

The CSSC's internet access was restricted as of Friday May 12, 2006. The union is putting together a list of sites that reps need for job use for the company to review. Please forward suggestions to your Chief Stewards. The company has also agreed to set up a cyber cafe in each location for reps to use on breaks and lunches, if your office doesn't have one already you should by June 1.

On Monday May 8, 2006 President Cheryl Ahern attended the Regional Work and Family meeting, the committee voted to up the cap for daycare reimbursement to \$100,000. This is great news for our union brothers and sisters in Verizon.

Share and union leadership met on May 9, 2006. The company is looking into a revision regarding fulfillment standards and will be drafting a proposal to present to the union at the next Labor Management meeting scheduled for June 2, 2006. The Share Work Place Issue committee will consist of Linda Blair, Miki Bell, Steve Singer and Lenore Myers.

Cingular District Vice President Steve Dillman is addressing the many concerns and issues our Brothers and Sisters at Cingular have. A meeting is scheduled for May 25, 2006. The company is waiting 45 days after a SAM to discipline. THIS IS UNACCEPTABLE.

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