

**UPDATE:** CWA-IBEW strategy and planning session

On Thursday May 25 A CWA-IBEW strategy and planning session is going to be held to discuss a campaign to stop the dismantling of Verizon in New England: This will be begin at 10 am the location will be IBEW Local 2320 Hall 46 Third St. Manchester, N.H.

IBEW and CWA local officers, board members, mobilization coordinators, stewards, etc-- in the three affected states Maine Vermont and NH-are all invited to attend (if they can get off work to do so).

Legislative & Political Director Bob Master will be at the meeting to report on the successful lessons of the 2004-5 CWA-IBEW campaign against the companys attempt to sell off of the 2.6 million access lines in upstate New York we will discuss how we can duplicate this successful effort though mobilization of our 3,100+ IBEW and CWA members, their families, labor and community allies in northern New England.

Some promising political outreach is already underway. In the state of Maine, Local 1400 DVP Anne Mussenden is working to enlist Gov. John Balducci and his utility commission chairperson in this fight. Constituents of Congressman Bernie Sanders (soon to be U.S. Senator) Sanders have already been in touch with his office

The Vermont Department of Public Service is already saying it "will look closely at the terms of any deal" --particularly if Citizens Communications is a possible buyer because it "does not have a good track record with Vermont regulators."

But there is much more that needs to be done--to defend jobs, our union contracts, and the future of universal service in northern New England.

If you are unable to attend please contact the local with any ideas you may have. The number is at 603-436-4388

**Attention all members This is YOUR JOB you are fighting for, we all need to get involved Lets all of us duplicate the success of our brother & sisters in NY we all need to work together Thank You for calling**