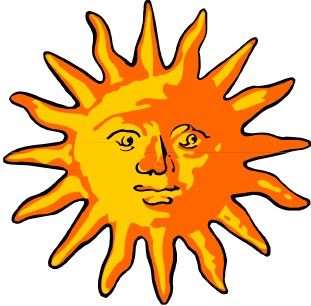


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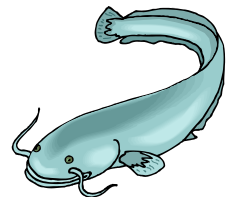
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VERIZON TO FRONTIER SPIN OFF IS STILL IN THE WORKS..and still smells bad.

My concerns and apprehensions about the proposed “New Frontier” company are still there and I bet yours are too if you work for Verizon. Both national unions that have Verizon members, CWA and IBEW, have filed to intervene in several states with the various public service commissions. In Wisconsin our PSC is so weak and slanted towards the communications companies that they are supposed to regulate, that filing with them to intervene in the spin off would be pointless. They act as a rubber stamp for the companies.

In some of the western states that are on the spin off list, Verizon has gone to court to block the union’s intervention. Verizon, for its part, is starting to get the picture that many, many employees have said (and are acting on) that they will leave before the so called sale is official. It seems there is little trust that the New Frontier will be in business very long after the sale. That fear is grounded in the stark reality that the new company has put everything into a shaky (at best) financial basket and will have precious little cash to operate, much less invest, in a telephone company that is in bad need of repair.

Oh to be sure, top management is beating the drum of confidence daily. Hardly a week has gone by that they haven’t urged and even “requested” that employees join with them to listen to the well rehearsed news conference that Frontier CEO “Maggie” held after Wall Street weighed in on the proposed deal. But it will take much, much more than their Tokyo Rose approach at brainwashing us to calm the sea of discontent swelling up in the ranks. For those who are retirement eligible and are ready to retire, the picture may not look so awful but not everyone is in that boat. Many members have a lot of years yet to work before they are ready and able to retire. And what ever happened to the idea that our efforts would provide jobs far into the future? Aren’t we still interested in that?



I don't believe that the management at Frontier deliberately wants to fail and I don't think you believe that either but they are taking a huge risk to survive and they are gambling with our futures to do it! All you have to do is pick up a newspaper or turn on the radio and hear about this or that company that has filed bankruptcy to get out from under employee pension and health care costs. Those costs were promises that we bargained with management years ago. We upheld our part and made their company financially profitable now they need to do the same for us! And two a day news conferences with Tokyo Rose Widerotter won't get it done. They need to step up to the plate and do the right thing!

Hang in there!

Fraternally,

Mike Oliver

CWA Local 4671

200 'Green' CWA-Built Buses Rolling in Nation's Capital

July 2, 2009

Bus riders in the Washington, D.C., area soon will be riding on some of nation's newest "green" buses, the hybrid-electric-diesel vehicles built by members of CWA Local 7304 at New Flyer Bus Co.

The Washington Metro Transit Authority ordered more than 200 buses from New Flyer in St. Cloud, Minn. Vice President Joe Biden visited the plant as part of the White House Task Force on Working and Middle Class Families, and said the CWA-New Flyer partnership shows what can be achieved with government support for American companies that create quality green jobs.

New Flyer also supported majority signup when workers decided to form a union in 2002. Orders for the "green" buses continue to grow, and CWA members at the St. Cloud plant turn out 26 buses a week.

Lobby Day Visits Get CWA Message to 200 Members of Congress

July 2, 2009

CWA members participated in more than 200 visits with their senators, representatives and staff last week during CWA's Lobby Day and the combined convention/legislative-political conference.

Employee Free Choice and health care reform were the big topics, but some of the meetings held with members of Congress gave CWAers the opportunity to raise other critical issues.

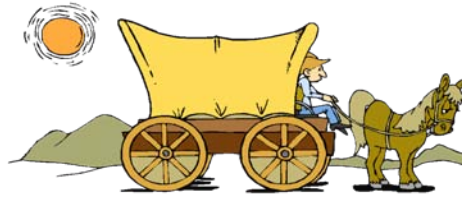
CWA President Larry Cohen, District 2 Vice President Ron Collins, West Virginia AFL-CIO President Kenny Perdue and CWA staff met with Senator John Rockefeller (D-WVa.) and key staff about the serious issues raised by Verizon's plan to sell landlines in the state to Frontier Communications.



CWA is raising concerns that the sale will affect quality service for consumers and will mean more roadblocks for the buildout of high speed broadband networks in West Virginia. Without high speed Internet, West Virginia residents won't have access to applications like tele-medicine and distance learning and businesses will be restricted in growing new jobs.

The following newly retired members would like to thank the union for their retirement gift.

Bill Fisher
Allan Willadsen
John Adelman
Glenn Hartmann
Dan Devine



Thank You

Grievance Report - CWA Local 4671

Status as of July 6, 2009

Century Telephone

There are no outstanding Grievance's at this time.

Frontier Telephone C.O.

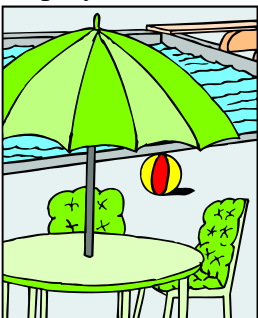
Management employee transferring to craft wanting time bridged for seniority recognition. (Appealed to arbitration)

Verizon Unit

Employee was terminated for attendance issues. (Received answer, appealed to arbitration for approval.) Call Center.

Salaried non union employees are writing work orders and de-loading cable pairs. Which should be done by union employees. (Top step meeting scheduled.) South area.

Employee was wrongly denied the option to bump (displace) a junior employee in the most recent force reduction. (Received answer, will be appealed to arbitration.) North area.



Employees not receiving there overtime meals as outlined in contract. (Received answer, will be appealed to arbitration.) Call Center.

Management in the VRRC terminated call center tech. Stating tech mistreated a customer. (Top step meeting scheduled.) Call Center.

Compiled/submitted by Timothy D. Gile, Secretary CWA Local 4671.

I would like to thank the Local for sending me to the CWA National Convention and Legislative Conference in Washington DC. The Convention was held first, we heard from several speakers including Vice President Joe Biden. Health Care and the Employee Free Choice Act were only 2 of many subjects talked about during the Convention. The Convention ended on Wednesday, the Legislative Conference started.

During the Conference the goal of all members attending it is to see their U S Senators and all Congress persons for their State and bring forward issues that are important to us and our Local. There were several issues discussed but the 4 that we focused most strongly on were: Health Care, Employee Free Choice Act, AT&T not bargaining in good faith and the sale of 14 States of Verizon to Frontier. In some cases we were not able to talk to our Senator or Congress person but their assistants took the information from us and will relay it back to them. I felt that in most cases we had very productive meetings and our concerns were heard.

Please let me know if anyone has any questions in regard to the Convention or Conference and thank you all again!

Jane Snethen
Vice President Local 4671

Local 2336 Members Get Justice, Finally July 16, 2009

A decade after Verizon stopped paying members of CWA Local 2336 for additional work they did in the company's Corporate Mail Group, the U.S. Court of Appeals reinstated an arbitration award that gave the voice mail clerks retroactive pay. Now, it's up to Verizon to do the right thing and accept this decision instead of trying to overturn arbitration awards, said CWA District 2 Vice President Ron Collins. Way back in 1997 Verizon started assigning workers in the Corporate Mail Group extra duties and initially paid them for that work. But before 2000, Verizon stopped paying for the extra work and CWA filed a grievance in 2001.

An arbitrator found that Verizon had violated the contract and a second arbitrator found that workers were due a wage increase plus retroactive pay back to 2001. Verizon appealed, and a District Court overturned the award, accusing the arbitrator of applying "his own brand of industrial justice." The Appeals Court disagreed and reinstated the arbitrator's decision and award.

CWA President Larry Cohen and 10 other labor leaders met with President Barack Obama at the White House this week as efforts to pass Employee Free Choice and health care reform heat up.

The White House scheduled the meeting with the National Labor Coordinating Committee which is working to unify the labor movement.

"We appreciated the opportunity to meet with President Obama to discuss what we need to do to achieve Employee Free Choice and real health care reform," Cohen said.

That evening, Cohen went head-to-head with the Chamber of Commerce on the "Newshour with Jim Lehrer" program about Employee Free Choice.

Cohen stressed that Employee Free Choice and workers' bargaining rights are "the way to bring back the middle class in this country. It's no different than 75 years ago when John Maynard Keynes, the greatest economist of that time, wrote to President Roosevelt and said, 'I regard the expansion of collective bargaining as essential.'

"When we're cutting and cutting and cutting jobs, pay and benefits, there's no way we ever get out of a recession," Cohen said. "Workers themselves can help lift the economy, by having a seat at the bargaining table where they can meet with management and work together on a better future."

