

OWA District 9/AT&T West

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The last few days we have continued to meet with the company in formal sessions. We continue to make progress, but are still far apart on major issues. District 9 Vice President Jim Weitkamp sent the following message to the locals:

By now you have all received the announcement of the tentative agreement reached in the midwest. I have been with our committee for the majority of the last two weeks. We have worked many long hours and are continuing to do exactly that in order to bring to you the best possible agreement we can achieve. The work done by the District Four bargaining committee and leadership has set the stage for us to continue to address all key issues including those unique to our Districts.

We will keep you updated as best we can and I want to stress once again that at this stage of bargaining issues change and shift rapidly; the fluid nature of this activity makes it difficult, to say the least, to issue timely reports that are not subject to rapid change. I know you will all do your best to communicate this fact to the general membership.

I will tell you all, at this stage we still have several economic challenges to resolve, particularly in the area of overall wages, leveraged titles and prem tech improvements. I know how hard you all have been working to sustain mobilization and engagement of the general membership and this cannot let up. I know it's tough, but I also know that all of you are capable of the last sprint it will take to get an agreement.

We're all grateful for your support and "One Day Longer" not just a platitude - it is our mantra and our goal.

In Unity, Jim Weitkamp

Please keep up the mobilization pressure! Your Gold-plated, safe and high quality work is what will move the company to reach a fair & equitable settlement.

We are the team that can make the company successful! **Or not!** We deserve our fair share of this company's profits.

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IN UNITY,

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1 Union

1 Fight

1 Future