

Erie Thames Power and the Power Workers' Union Make Progress as Strike Enters Week Six

Tuesday July 28, 2009 - On Monday July 27, 2009 Erie Thames Power Companies (Erie Thames Powerlines, CRU Solutions, Ecaliber and Coulter Water Meter Service) resumed talks with the Power Workers' Union (PWU) that represents the 51 employees that have been on strike since June 21st.

“The talks were positive and I believe we are moving closer to resolution” said Mel Hyatt, Vice President of the PWU. “Discussions have become more focused on problem solving than they have been to date and that is certainly a positive” continued Hyatt.

“There are a number of issues yet to finalize but the central issue is the company’s desire to extend the workweek from 40 hours up to 45 hours. The 40 hour workweek became the standard for many reasons such as health and safety and quality of life. This is something working people fought long and hard to establish decades ago and I am sure most people understand that it would be difficult for the employees to concede this to the company” stated Hyatt.

“We hope to get back to the table quickly to build on the momentum created on Monday and to get our members back to work as soon as possible” Hyatt concluded.

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