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CWA/Cingular Bargaining Report #1

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Cingular bargaining for the "orange" contract kicked off in Washington, D.C. today.

The CWA bargaining committee made up of Lamar Maddox, District 2; Ed Mooney, District 13; Holly Sorey, District 4; Jeremiah Greggains, District 9; Rachel Tetrault-Bailey, District 1; Pat Telesco, CWA District 1 staff; and chaired by Teri Pluta, CWA District 4 staff met with the Cingular bargaining team, Russ Jensen, legal; and labor relations directors Neil Keith, Tracy Gates, Pam Cleary, Loren McAnally, and chaired by Frank Garon. Paul Boris from the company team was not present today, but will be joining the group when bargaining resumes on January 12th in Atlanta.

The bargaining committee members outlined our goals for substantial contract improvements while highlighting the importance of addressing job security especially in the wake of Cingular's buyout of AT&T Wireless.

Thanks to all who took part in mobilization activities today in support of the bargaining committee. It takes all of us to get a good contract. Let everyone know that at CWA we are raising the bar too!