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CWA's online update for Cingular customer service, sales and network employees

Cingular Bargaining Report #15

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The bargaining committee is reminding CWA members at Cingular: There's just one week left to vote on authorization of legal work actions up to a possible strike if we're unable to reach the contract we deserve with Cingular Wireless.

"It's critical that our Cingular members overwhelmingly approve this authorization, because that will send a loud-and-clear message to Cingular that we're serious about our contract goals," said Teri Pluta, bargaining chair.

The CWA team is extremely disappointed with Cingular's positions on our key issues, especially since we have made it clear from the start that employment security, integration concerns, and sales, call center, network and technical issues must be addressed in this bargaining, she said.

"We need to push management hard, and a strong yes vote will do just that," she said.

Locals are distributing ballots to all Cingular members. If you haven't received one, contact your local or steward immediately. The vote will be announced on Feb. 25.

The contract continues to be extended on a day-to-day basis.

Meanwhile, informal discussions are continuing, with regular conference calls of your bargaining team members, but there has not been movement enough to cause the committee to request Cingular to resume formal negotiations.

Stay strong and stay solid. That's how we'll get the contract we deserve.

In solidarity,
Your bargaining committee

Ed Mooney, Lamar Maddox, Jeremiah, Greggains, Holly Sorey, Rachel Tetrault Bailey, Pat Telesco and Teri Pluta