



BARGAINING REPORT # 17

Bell Canada - Clerical and Associated

Sisters and Brothers,

On September 10th, following the rejection vote from the membership at over 71%, the CEP applied to the Minister of Labour for the appointment of a conciliation officer. On Wednesday, September 16th, the Minister designated Mr. Jacques Lessard, Regional Director of the federal conciliation and mediation office as the conciliator. Meetings will start the week of September 28th.

In addition, Bell Canada has now asked the CEP to meet in order to reach an agreement on essential services in accordance with article 87.4 of the Canada Labour Code. The position of the CEP is that the company can perform the essential services of the business with the management team in the event of a labour dispute. That being said, the CEP is open to having discussions with the Company on how to maintain service in the event of a natural disaster or any matters relating to National Security.

We will inform you of any developments.

Please continue supporting your bargaining committee during these negotiations.

Updates can be found on the Ontario Region website at <http://www.cep.ca> and on the Quebec Region website www.scepquebec.qc.ca

In solidarity,

Your Bargaining Committee

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