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Unit 17 - Poplar River Mine - Bargaining Update

Brothers and Sisters, last week we informed the membership that our Brothers and Sisters of Unit 17 (Poplar River Mine) had taken a strike vote as contract negotiations had reached an impasse and the employer had presented a last monetary offer.

Since that correspondence has gone out we have received much support for our affected members. We have also received questions on how this may impact other bargaining groups. At this time we are still in the 14 day cooling off period, which means that no job action can occur until after the period has been exhausted. Even after this period has elapsed, that does not mean that job action is immanent, as the desire from the affected members would be to reach an agreement without having to occur economic impact.

In the event job action should occur, the membership would be notified as to what specific actions were being taken as well as the responsibilities of, and impacts on, the membership. We have no desire to place the Brothers and Sisters of Unit 17 into situations by where they could be in potential harm or conflict with other members. As well, the opposite could be said, as we have no desire to put the remainder of the membership in situations of potential harm or conflict that could result through the course of members being required to perform their job functions with the employers of other bargaining units. We therefore will ensure that should picket or information lines be setup they will be done so in a manner to draw sufficient attention but not impact the members of other bargaining units.

We are currently in talks with the employer in the hopes that it will not be necessary to progress to job action, and we ask that members continue to go about their regular business and we will update as information becomes available.

In Solidarity,

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