



BELL BARGAINING REPORT #19

Appointment of Federal Mediators

Thursday, March 20, 2008

To all Bell Locals

Sisters and Brothers,

In accordance with the Canada Labour Code, the Federal Minister of Labour today appointed Mr. Jacques Lessard, Regional Director, and Mr. Michel Ste- Marie, conciliator/mediator to assist the parties to reach a collective agreement.

The mediators today called the parties to convene in Ottawa on Monday, March 24 at 1:30 pm with the primary objective of giving the Union the opportunity to explain to the employer in detail the reasons for the rejection of the final offer.

The mediators have asked the parties to accept that, during the mediation process, the mediators will have access to the parties' separate caucus meetings when they feel it is appropriate.

As well, the mediators have asked that the parties agree to work diligently and efficiently for the duration of the mediation process.

The bargaining committee has accepted the request from the mediators and will attend mediation in Ottawa beginning on March 24.

We will continue to keep the membership informed as the process develops.

Solidarity Works!

Richard Chaumont, National Representative
Sean Howes, National Representative