

# CWA Local 4340

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## Mobilization 2012

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February 23, 2012

### CWA D4 AT&T Midwest Bargaining Report #1

On February 29, 2012 we will begin contract negotiations for 15,000 AT&T core employees in the Midwest. There are also negotiations beginning on that day for another 30,000 members in Connecticut, District 9 (California/Nevada) and the Nations "Legacy-T" unit. All four of those contracts expire on April 7<sup>th</sup>.

CWA District 4 Vice President, Seth Rosen will open negotiations with AT&T Midwest in Chicago, Illinois. District 4's Bargaining Chair and Administrative Director, Jerry Schaeff and CWA Staff Representative, Ron Honse will also be present along with the committee made up of: George Walls, Local 4603, Mike Handley, Local 4123, Tim Strong, Local 4900, Diane Bailey, Local 4310, Greg Wynn, Local 4100 and Mike Plezia, Local 4340.

The proposals our committee makes are the result of input from your bargaining surveys. In CWA, negotiations start and end with our members expressing their views.

These bargaining reports will come out on a regular basis, with the frequency dictated by the pace of bargaining. There will be little 'news' in the early stages, thus these reports will be once a week or so. As the pace increases the reports will become more frequent.

**MOBILIZATION NEWS:** Locals in District 4 have been preparing members for the fight ahead. Our State Mobilization Coordinators have trained hundreds of activists and are on track to complete training for 1,000 Mobilizers across the Midwest. CWA members are united and willing to do 'Whatever it Takes' to achieve a fair contract with AT&T. Our contract expires on April 7, 2012 and covers 15,000 members in the Midwest.

The next report will be on Wednesday February 29.

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