

System Council U-4 Negotiation News



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This past week the Company and Union Committees continued discussion on Distribution Business Unit proposals and have started the process of exchanging written proposals from these discussions.

The discussion of the “Decentralize Apprentice Line Specialist” was removed from negotiations and is now complete. A letter went out to the Presidents covering the details of the Decentralization. In that correspondence it describes the details of the “one time transfer”. This will allow the existing Apprentices an opportunity to transfer into the new service center positions. The letter also contains information and a request to establish a Local Joint Apprentice Committee (LJAC). This will ensure the each location is ready to receive the new Apprentices when JPost reopens in October.

The System Committee presented an upgrade proposal for Power Quality Line Specialist and a proposal addressing Major Storm Restoration. Discussion continued on Power Systems FR clothing, Technology advancements and Power Systems Safety Coordinators.

The Company continued discussions on modifying the current contract language under Holiday Work 36 (f) (1) and will submit a written proposal to the Committee this week.

The Company also intends to deliver a proposal that will rename the existing Chief Line Specialist. This is in an effort to differentiate between the Distribution Construction Chief and the Power Delivery Chiefs. Discussion continued around developing a “Questions and Answers” document associated with the Company’s proposal for a construction workforce.

The Committee encourages you to continue using good safety practices and ask you to stay hydrated doing your daily activities during these hot summer months. Remember to practice Safety both at work, play and home.