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The System Committee and the Company traded proposal packages on Tuesday, June 3, 2008, to officially begin the 2008 negotiations. The Committees met Wednesday to discuss and explain the respective proposal packages.

The Union's theme for the 2008 negotiations will focus on a higher standard of living for our Members and proposals to ensure a better quality of life during the Member's employment and retirement.

The Company's theme for 2008 negotiations, not a lot of difference from years past; safety, flexibility, cost competitiveness, employee engagement and productivity are some of their main topics.

The System Committee and the Company will recess negotiations for two weeks; we will reconvene negotiations on June 25th, 2008. During this time your System Committee will continue to work on grievances that are in the Second Step and prepare for the Third Step meeting.

The Business Manager and Assistant Business Managers are making final preparations for the "One Percent" arbitration hearing to be held on June 12th and 13th. During the week of June 16th through the 20th, the Business Manager will be attending the FEWA and Fifth District Progress meetings that are being held in Miami this year.

The System Committee would like to remind everyone to "Keep up the good work and remember to work safe; every day, on every job" – because - "We are our Brother's Keepers."