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The System Committee and the Company Committee met on July 29, 2008 through July 31, 2008. On July 31, 2008, the System Committee discussed the Union's Power Systems Proposals.

Discussion this week continued on the Company's proposals of a construction workforce and our interest in regaining a large portion of the construction work that is currently being contracted out. An effort was made to clarify language pertaining to the Chief Line Leader position, street light work and work schedule's proposed by the Company last week. The Company's interest was to attempt to find some common ground on these issues.

The System Committee discussed our interest in up-grading various classifications within Power Systems and establishing a Career Path for some of these classifications. We expressed a desire to prepare and train for technology advancement both today and in the future. Discussion also focused on various proposals, Major Storm Restoration (MSR), Fire Resistant Clothing and Power System Safety Coordinators.

The System Committee expressed their interest in clarifying the contract language based upon past grievance settlements that deal with forced holdover and the language "primarily for restoration".