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USW COMMITTEE INCORPORATES IFLRA RESPONSES INTO BARGAINING PROPOSAL

The USW BC Interior Bargaining Committee reworked the IFLRA package to include IFLRA May 3rd responses in regards to trades revisions, 5th Class Engineer recognition, Family and Compassionate Care Leave, and apprentice training allowances.

The reworked package excluded the deferral-based investment plan from the Canfor pattern agreement and also removed the 75% new employee start rate. The IFLRA had informed the USW Committee in prior meetings that they were not interested in loans from their employees that had to be repaid.

Although the IFLRA had provided responses on some of the pattern items, they have truly missed the mark by not responding to all items. The USW Committee continues to await IFLRA responses to the entire package that was previously exchanged.

As a result of this inaction, the USW Committee expressed their frustration and questioned the IFLRA if they were truly interested in concluding a collective agreement. The USW Committee further suggested that it might be productive if the IFLRA take a lengthy caucus and focus on developing a response to all of the union's proposal.

Further dates have not yet been scheduled.

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