



SYSTEM COUNCIL NO. 6

INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS

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General Chairman's Report – June, 2020

Brothers and Sisters:

Furloughs: I have filed the Appendix M claim for the furloughed Linwood employees. This Appendix M is unique in that the action taken by the Carrier was subject to a WARN notice as required by the Federal Government.

Investigation(s): Represented LU 312 Communication Worker, Forest Park, GA at formal investigation. The investigation was challenged based on the time limits. The charge stemmed from late reporting to work made worse by false statements as to the reason/location of the delay. GPS information highlighted the false statements.

Covid-19: The Carrier has not scheduled any bi-weekly updates with the Organizations regarding the status of conditions currently on the property.

New Point Established: With all furloughs, I have challenged the Carrier's position contractually and ethically. (in particular, the furlough at Williamson, WV that involved only two members – one needing approximately 1.5 years and the other needing 2 years to be able to retire). As a result of discussions regarding the treatment of the Williamson members, the Carrier offered these two members (the two senior furloughed members on the system) the opportunity to be utilized in establishing a new seniority point at Greensboro, NC. Our two senior members were required to forfeit their Williamson seniority in accepting this offer. In conjunction with establishing a new roster point with our two senior furloughed members, I negotiated an inclusion of the remaining Linwood electricians at the bottom of the new point roster without having to forfeit Linwood seniority. The Linwood electricians remain on their bulletined positions but will have rights to future positions at Greensboro.

National Negotiations: For the present time, no information has been received as to when the negotiation process will resume.

Communications Workers: Preliminary conversations continue regarding the Southern Microwave System.

In Your Service,

Tom Owens
General Chairman