



ABF CONTRACT

UPDATE

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TEAMSTERS CRITICIZE ABF'S STANCE AT NEGOTIATIONS

Negotiations were recessed on Wednesday afternoon. Progress has been proceeding very slowly. The Company continues to seek to undo 50 years of bargaining history and completely rewrite the current agreement. The Company claims that it needs the labor cost savings reflected in its proposal which includes but is not limited to part-timers, split-shifts, increased use of subcontractors, working across classifications, reduced vacations, reduction of holidays and the elimination of all supplements. TNFINC has been questioning the purpose and scope of the Company's proposal. In this regard, TNFINC

pointed out that if the Company was truly serious it would have the specific cost savings associated with each of its proposals readily available. The Company, however, was unable to provide the information and says it will try to provide the information when negotiations resume on January 28. According to TNFINC Co-Chairman Gordon Sweeton "the failure of the Company to have the cost analysis of its specific proposals at its fingertips strongly suggests that the Company was not prepared to engage in legitimate bargaining and that its proposal is simply an overreaching effort designed to bludgeon worker rights."



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