



The Pulp, Paper and Woodworkers of CANADA

LOCAL No. 2



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President's Update for March 18th, 2010

We met with Brian Johnston, Steve Boniferro, André Bernier, Vern Phillips and Kathy Gomez over severance pay and the start up of the 2nd line of Kraft.

We explained that all of our members that did not have fulltime regular jobs on March 13th, 2010 were entitled to the severance option under Article XXII – Job Elimination; the company neither agreed nor disagreed with our position. They wanted to check bargaining notes and other means before they replied. They said we should have an answer back by next Friday or that they would inform us on Monday when they would have their answer.

Their statement on starting up the 2nd line of Kraft was that the plan to start the line had not been accepted as of Thursday, a final decision will be made within the next 2 weeks.

On a positive note the company stated that a decision was approved to do the required maintenance on #3 recovery boiler starting on March 29th. Meetings have been set up next week on the reinstatement of the cost reduction team or a project crew in the event that the 2nd line should start. These meeting are a result of Local #2 always stating we want jobs for our members over severance.

At the end of the meeting we restated our view that any laid off PPWC member is entitled to the severance option.

My hope is that the 2nd line starts up and we find a fair and equitable way to treat the members who will not be returning when the line starts up.

Fraternally,
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