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Attention: Mike Burgess

Re: Electrical Construction Negotiation Dates

Dear Mike, we are writing in part to vent our frustrations on behalf of our inside/outside construction membership in British Columbia. We understand the only outstanding issue at the main table at this point holding up trade table discussions is movement around the Jurisdictional Assignment Plan. As stated in our past correspondence, we are of the opinion that we do not have to wrap up main table discussions to proceed to trade table discussions that in fact they can and should run concurrently. Meaningful negotiations are generally understood to have taken place when all the issues in a round of bargaining have been discussed. We have yet to present, let alone discuss any of the particular issues of the IBEW, in effect you have barred us from negotiations by your refusal to sit with the IBEW at the Trade Level for the past eight (8) months.

We understand we would be restricted from accepting or rejecting any changes to the Jurisdictional Assignment Plan as it exists today or in any other proposal accepted by the parties as a main table proposal; however that leaves the ability to negotiate the balance of proposals coming from either side in respect to the electrical construction industry. We are therefore sending you our availability in January 2011 to begin discussing specific Electrical Trade proposals being; January 10th & 11th, 17th & 18th, and the 24th, 25th, & 26th.

Mike, the construction industry requires harmony if our contractors are to be successful, and that continued success is currently jeopardized by CLRA's refusal to bargain at the Trade level.

I look forward to hearing from you confirming some of the dates in January so we may begin trade discussions.

Sincerely,

Philip Venoit
Chairman
IBEW Provincial Council
cc. BC IBEW Construction Local Unions
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