



A STRONG VOICE FOR OREGON'S WORKERS

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Mr. Donnell and Mr. Godfrey,

On behalf of the 300,000 working people of the Oregon AFL-CIO, the State Federation of unions, I implore you to settle a fair contract with your employees represented by Utility Workers of America Local 609 as soon as possible. The demands presented to you at the bargaining table are basic, common-sense practices. Oregon's Union Movement fully supports Local 609's efforts in contract negotiations and we plan to stand behind them every step of the way until a fair contract is reached.

It's time for NPL to do right by its workers whose labor has built NPL's success. We echo Local 609 in their call for fair wages, paid time off including vacation and holiday pay, additional training, an apprenticeship program, and formation of safety and mentoring committees to keep workers safe. These are standard protections for workers in the construction industry and we expect to see employers in Oregon abide by such standards.

NPRL workers have offered to dedicate themselves to improve training and strive toward the elimination of accidents or incidents of any kind. That commendable offer is clouded, by the fact that NPL's employees represented by Local 609 are the lowest paid Gas Distribution workers in our state with no vacation or holidays. Retaining your employees who are willing and ready to work hard on increasing safety will be difficult if they can find paid leave and higher pay elsewhere.

It's time to do the right thing and settle a fair contract with Local 609.

Sincerely,

Graham Trainor
President, Oregon AFL-CIO

CC: Gerado 'Jerry' Acosta, Senior National Rep, UWUA