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**ZERO PROGRESS IN TRANSCANADA/RAVENSWOOD TALKS**

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There has been zero progress between Utility Workers Union of America, Local 1-2, which represents 136 workers at the Ravenswood Power Plant in Long Island City, and TransCanada, the Plant's new owner, in talks to avert a work stoppage that could have dire consequences for New Yorkers. Local 1-2 President Harry J. Farrell said, "The notion that TransCanada can keep the Plant running with 20 supervisors, only four of whom have any proficiency in operating the Plant, is just pure nonsense. This corporation, TransCanada, is a multi-national energy conglomerate that wants to take billions and billions of dollars from New York consumers, take its fortune out of the country and not even give crumbs back to help the New York economy." The Ravenswood plant is the largest producer of electricity for New York City. If it is shut down due to a labor dispute, the City would lose almost 2500 megawatts of power.