



# LOCAL 1-2 UPDATE

## CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS

- On Thursday, May 7, we will begin negotiations with TransCanada for a collective bargaining agreement effective June 25, 2009. These will be the first negotiations with this company and we want to make sure we enter them with the full strength and support of the membership. We want to make sure TransCanada knows we are serious; and the only way to convey that message is for the negotiating team to enter negotiations with a strike authorization in their pocket.
- An **ALL DAY** Strike Authorization Vote will be held on **Tuesday, May 5, 2009**, at Strike Headquarters at:  
**The Irish Center**  
**10-40 Jackson Avenue**  
**Long Island City, New York**
- We strongly urge all our members to authorize your Union to call a strike. **DO NOT** put your Union in a weakened position where TransCanada can either lock us out or implement its final offer without us being able to strike. It is the one weapon that private sector Unions have to get the best possible contract.

**VOTE YES ON STRIKE AUTHORIZATION ON MAY 5, 2009**  
**9:00 AM TO 9:00 PM AT STRIKE HEADQUARTERS.**  
**10-40 JACKSON AVENUE**  
**LONG ISLAND CITY, NEW YORK**  
**For those who wish to observe, the ballots will be counted on the same day**  
**at 9:00 pm at Strike Headquarters.**

**ALL MEMBERS MUST SIGN-UP FOR PICKET DUTY**  
**IN THE CASE OF A LABOR DISPUTE WHEN YOU COME TO VOTE.**

**STRIKE HEADQUARTERS**  
**10-40 JACKSON AVENUE**  
**LONG ISLAND CITY, NEW YORK**

## **T- SHIRT DAY**

When you sign-up for picket duty you will be given a T-shirt to wear on May 6th at work – and on every Wednesday during the bargaining period. We will demonstrate to TransCanada our solidarity and resolution to negotiate a **FAIR CONTRACT**.

**STAY STRONG! STAY UNITED!**  
**TOGETHER WE CAN DO ANYTHING**

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LOCAL 1-2, AFL-CIO