



# Local Union 97

## International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers

### New York State

#### **IBEW LOCAL 97 UPDATE** **REGARDING CONSTELLATION ENERGY WORKFORCE STRIKE**

At 12:01 a.m. on July 9, 2011, IBEW Local 97 commenced a strike against Constellation Energy Nine Mile Point Nuclear Station in Oswego, New York.

President/Business Manager Ted Skerpon addressed approximately 350 striking members at midnight to inform them of the bad faith bargaining on behalf of the Company that led to the strike.

Over the weekend, the Membership remained completely committed to holding the line and staying united. The local media was present and news stories were transmitted across local airwaves and newspapers. We will continue to have media involvement throughout the strike.

An unfair labor practice charge has been filed with the National Labor Relations Board specific to bad faith bargaining, and we will pursue additional charges if deemed necessary.

Local 97 is continuing to reach out to all of our local and state politicians for their support in getting a fair and equitable contract.

On Monday, July 11<sup>th</sup> there was a very strong showing of unionism by our members as they picketed the non-union workers crossing the picket line. We also took great pride as members from the building trades locals came out to show their support. We wholeheartedly thank them for that.

On Wednesday, July 13<sup>th</sup> we will hold an informational meeting at the Oswego Elks Club at 12:00 noon to provide updates and direction for all striking members of Local 97. We are also looking into the possibility of bus rentals from the Buffalo and Albany areas for transportation to Oswego. We would like our Brothers and Sisters of those areas as well as our Central Division Members to come out and show their support. Please check with your local union hall for information about signing up and for any updates.

Make no mistake, we are strong and united.

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