



# Local Union 97

## International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers

### New York State

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Brothers and Sisters,

At the onset of the pandemic we were immersed into making sure that our members on all properties were going to be able to continue working, and more importantly, remain safe. We are now eight months into this crisis, and we still face daily changes to protocols driven by either state mandates or Company directives. Your Local 97 representatives continue to work toward some sense of normalcy or at least a "new normal". On top of all the issues surrounding this pandemic, we continue to address our members' issues and concerns, contract violations, negotiations, grievances, arbitrations, NLRB charges, etc....

Initiatives that had been started prior to COVID-19 have come to a halt (i.e., National Grid cash balance discussions and Article XXIII's). We will continue to evaluate what initiatives we are able to proceed with.

We have successfully negotiated a contract with Brookfield Renewable Power at our Bear Swamp property and as of this writing, we have reached a tentative agreement with Exelon, pending ratification, at our Nine Mile Point Unit 1 & 2 property.

Our general body and sub-divisional meetings have been canceled, and at this time will not be held for the foreseeable future. We are exploring the possibility of virtual meetings, keeping in mind that they must meet the requirements of our IBEW Constitution. Because of this, it is now, more than ever, imperative that we have updated information from you, including correct mailing address, email address and cell phone number (not Company email or cell number).

We are utilizing text messaging and emailing along with our website to communicate with members. Monthly updates from each division are sent via email and staff will continue to meet with Chief Stewards to address issues and concerns. Any questions or concerns can be directed to your steward or you can reach your local union hall as follows:

Eastern Division – [local97east@verizon.net](mailto:local97east@verizon.net) / (518) 785-3089

Western Division – [lu97west@aol.com](mailto:lu97west@aol.com) / (716) 662-2324

Central Division – [local97@ibewlocal97.org](mailto:local97@ibewlocal97.org) / (315) 476-9797

If you have recently moved or wish to update your email address or phone number(s) please contact the Central Division office as listed above.

I appreciate your patience during these trying times and ask that you remain focused on the task at hand, work safe and stay healthy.

In solidarity,

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