

U.S. Steel Continues to Demand Drastic Concessions

(October 9) – Our USW bargaining committee continued to meet regularly with U.S. Steel representatives this week in Pittsburgh.

Unfortunately, U.S. Steel continues to demand deep concessions, and the company has yet to move away from some of its most onerous proposals. Also, the company has issued more WARN notices in anticipation of further layoffs, and we are awaiting more details about those decisions.

Proposals Unrelated to Crisis

Our committee is well aware of the current crisis in the steel industry, and we are working hard to fight back against the effects of unfair trade, currency manipulation and global overcapacity.

However, the changes that U.S. Steel is seeking at the bargaining table are unrelated to the current market crisis. We will not be forced to accept harmful long-term concessions in response to a temporary crisis.

Our bargaining committee is ready and willing to engage in meaningful and balanced discussions, but we are not interested in proposals that would gut our agreements and shift heavy costs to our active and retired members and their families.

Committee Heading Home

Our committee members are returning home this weekend to our plants and local unions, and we will be updating members on the status of negotiations.

We hope that U.S. Steel will use this break to re-evaluate its proposals and abandon its foolhardy wish list of concessions.

Stay strong, stay safe and stay connected with your CAT coordinators. We will continue to work toward a fair agreement and will keep you updated on any developments.

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