



Communication Alert For PSAC Members of AECL, Local 00358

Sale of Business

Last year the Federal government put forward Bill C-9 comprising of a wide range of issues, one of which included the sale of AECL. To date, although not confirmed by the Employer, the primary contender for purchase is the engineering and construction group SNC-Lavalin.

Your Rights

The Collective Agreement remains in force for members at AECL and does not expire until July 31, 2011. If the Employer violates the Collective Agreement or changes to your working conditions unilaterally – let your Union Representative know immediately. The Employer is prohibited by law from making any arbitrary changes to the provisions of your contract or any working conditions that were in place prior to the sale of business. PSAC will take the appropriate steps to put a stop to such actions.

Next Steps

While there are still many unanswered questions you should know this – PSAC is fundamentally opposed to any job loss or any concessions as a result of the sale of business.

Your bargaining demands for the renewal of your Collective Agreement have been sent to your PSAC Negotiator, and the Employer will receive notice to bargain on April 1, 2011. In the event of a sale, PSAC remains committed to advocating on your behalf before, during and after the sale.

With a Federal election to take place May 2, 2011, we urge the membership to petition their candidates on the propriety of the sale of AECL. Our government must be accountable to the Canadian public, they must investigate the risk of privatizing nuclear reactors, and they must protect the employment of AECL employees.

There will be more updates to follow.

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