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To all Members:

Over the past several days you have been inundated with information around BCE and Aliant's announcement.

The Council has been given the same information that all employees received and we are methodically trying to wade our way through it and understand what it really means. As we go forward we will be working closely with our lawyers and CEP leadership to understand the long and short-term impacts to our members. This not only affects our Council but unionized and non-unionized employees in Ontario and Quebec.

We are not confident that we have all the information or that it is complete. This is very similar to what we faced with the Aliant merger in that what we are told at the front end is not what happens at the back end.

No doubt you have a lot of questions, as do we. We could speculate for days on what this really means to each and every individual member. The view from 10,000 ft is that BCE is 'cherry picking' the growth part of the business (Mobility) and leaving Aliant with the dying wireline piece of the business.

Our commitment to you is to preserve our membership in this region and the hard fought gains achieved through bargaining. We will do everything in our power to protect our member's interests.

Please know that our silence up to now is not in anyway concurrence. We need time to absorb the information and will update you on any new developments as we move forward.

In solidarity,

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