



CIRB Hearings Underway

The Canadian Industrial Relations Board (CIRB) resumed its hearings on January 22nd, 2007 to decide the appropriate bargaining unit. The Board previously ruled that CanWest MediaWorks is the common employer for Global/CH stations.

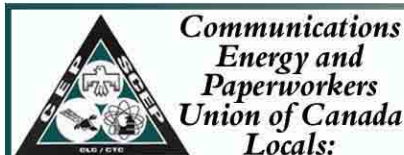
The hearings began with discussion and ultimately a ruling by the board on the presentation of documents. Following that ruling, the parties made a proposal to the Board to enter into a Mediation/Adjudication process. Both parties would present evidence to the panel accompanied by witness testimony but in a less formal setting. The parties felt that this informal structure would be a more efficient use of time.

The Board agreed and started the Mediation/Adjudication process on Tuesday, January 23rd, 2007 with the Company presenting its case. The Union will present its case to the board beginning February 20th, 2007.

After hearing evidence from both sides, the board will advise the parties if there are any areas of agreement that may lead to a mediated settlement. If no settlement is possible, the hearings continue April 30th, 2007 to hear legal arguments. The Board would then be able to deliver a decision.

If you have any questions, concerns or comments, please contact your local president or any member of the GAC executive.

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