



A Strategy Both "Novel and Bold"

The Communications, Energy and Paperworkers Union of Canada (CEP) with the full support of the Global Advisory Council (GAC) has commenced legal actions against the CRTC and the CIRB in Federal Court attempting to get these public institutions to live up to their mandates and fulfill their obligations to our members and to all Canadians.

In the action brought against the CRTC we have asked the Federal Court to direct the Commission to conduct a serious review of the company's news production decisions as they relate to both the Broadcast Act and license requirements.

In the action brought against the CIRB (called a mandamus application; mandamus being Latin for "I Command") we have asked the Federal Courts to order the Board to release the reasons for its decision on three bargaining units, including the dissenting opinion. We also continue to seek a decision on two other cases pending before the Board involving Canwest and GAC.

These actions are unprecedented and very unusual. They send a very clear signal to the regulatory agencies and the company that our members right across the country are tired of waiting for the CIRB and the CRTC to provide meaningful and appropriate answers while our work continues to be transformed and jobs eliminated.

Canwest's recent offer to roll over the Eastern agreements while looking for concessions in the West is unacceptable. We continue to believe as we have since the beginning of the process before the CIRB that we need to bargain as one unit with our single employer. That is fair and it is equitable. It is also right because it reflects the reality of what we do every day when we go to work no matter where in Canada that may be.

All relevant documents as well as contacts and a wealth of other information can be found on our website www.cepmediaone.ca. We encourage you to visit often as it is regularly updated as new information becomes available.

***In Solidarity
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