



City of Cambridge

55.

IN CITY COUNCIL

April 8, 1996

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY
VICE MAYOR BORN
COUNCILLOR DAVIS
COUNCILLOR DUEHAY
COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO
COUNCILLOR REEVES
MAYOR RUSSELL
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU

WHEREAS: Three hundred seventy-five members of the United Steelworkers of America Local 12004, employees of COMGas, have been locked out by COMGas as of midnight, March 31, 1996; and

WHEREAS: This lockout has affected over 2,000 people including family members; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record urging COMGas to end its lockout of Local 12004 United Steelworkers of America union by settling with the union as soon as possible.

In City Council April 8, 1996

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

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COMGAS

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all names

Resolved: That the City Council go on record urging
COM Gas to end its lockout of Local 12604
United Steelworkers of America union by
~~resolving~~ settling with the union as
soon as possible

Whereas: Three hundred seventy five members of The
United Steelworkers of America Local 12604,
employees of COM Gas, have been locked
out by COM Gas as of midnight, March 31,
1996; and

Whereas: This lockout has affected over 2,000 people
including family members; and now people
be it

TT Urge Citizens to attend the
Mame Arben Scholarship lunch

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TT Lockomb by Com Gas of Union Steel Workers
Add Local 12004
aef
mrs urging that Com Gas settle w/ these
unions asap

W/C

LOCKOUT OF ALL UNION EMPLOYEES

BY

COMMONWEALTH GAS COMPANY

Dear MR. TOOMEY

I have put together this letter to try to outline some of the major concerns we the members of local 12004 of the United Steelworkers Union have regarding the recent contract proposals by com gas. The major issues in the labor dispute are job security and safety. The company wants to add language to the contract that would allow them to reduce the amount of union employees through the use of private contractors. The company now has the right to the use of such contractors which has already led to a 25% reduction of union members at local 12004 in just the past few years. Com gas co now wants to expand the use and duties of the outside contractors to such a great extent that all union jobs would be in jeopardy and eventually be lost.

Commonwealth Gas Co. has also proposed as part of its final offer a two tier wage scale which will affect all union employees hired after April 1996. All new union employees wages would be equivalent to the wages which could be found in the 1989 contract this means the company would be rolling back wages 7 years . We the members of local 12004 are not only fighting to protect our jobs and futures but also for those who may follow us. The company is asking that we make these concessions and many many more at a time when they are giving huge bonuses to all nonunion personnel and during a time of record breaking profits which in the last year alone totaled over FIFTY ONE MILLION DOLLARS. The members of local 12004 ask if you could please let the citizens of cambridge know that we are also fighting for their safety. the people of cambridge must be made aware that Commonwealth Gas Co. is jeopardizing their safety by having untrained and unqualified people filling in during this lockout of union employees. Also the company has shown blatant disregard for the people of cambridge by leaving many of them without the essential services they depend on.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP AND SUPPORT

SINCERELY;



UNITED STEELWORKERS OF AMERICA
LOCAL 12004
AFL-CIO-CLC

April 8, 1996

Representative Timothy J. Twoomey, Jr.
State House Room 254
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Rep. Twoomey:

As you know 375 members of the United Steelworkers of America Local 12004, the employees of COMGas, have been locked out by COMGas as of midnight, March 31, 1996. This has affected over 2,000 people including family members.

We are the men and women who install and repair gas mains and services, service gas appliances and respond to billing and service inquiries as well as offering a listening ear to both residential and commercial customers in the Cambridge, Dedham, Worcester and Southboro areas.

We are highly skilled, qualified and dedicated to the community we service. Our first priority has always been and will continue to be public safety. We feel this is being compromised by the company.

We ask for your support in whatever way you can. Please call the company @ #1-800-232-1604 x.2100 and insist the skilled, qualified and dedicated employees be returned to work. Preserve the integrity of the worker and the very important job we perform each and every day for our customers and communities. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,



Lowell Alexander
President
USWA Local 12004

200 Turnpike Road, Southboro MA 01772
(508) 480-0437
FAX (508) 624-6472



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Consent Order #55

Councillor Toomey and entire membership
Urge COMGAS to end its lockout of Local
12004 United Steelworkers of America
union by settling with the union as
soon as possible.

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Order adopted