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LUCENT TECHNOLOGIES AND THE CWA AND IBEW AGREE TO EXTEND NEGOTIATIONS ONE WEEK

Washington D.C. --- Lucent Technologies and the Communications Workers of America (CWA) and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) today announced that they will extend their negotiations over their collective bargaining agreements one week to midnight, Sunday Nov. 7. The current contracts expire at midnight on Oct. 31.

Negotiators from the three parties have been meeting regularly since Oct. 7 in Washington, D.C. The company and the unions still have several critical issues open and have agreed that continuing their negotiations will provide additional time to more fully explore alternatives to the difficult and complex issues at the bargaining table.

The negotiations will continue to be conducted under the auspices of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, an independent U.S. government agency whose mission is to preserve and promote labor-management peace and cooperation.

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