

TWO MORE LIES

How many lies have we been told by the Hoffa-Hall-Gammack-Herrera PR machine trying to get us to buy a weak contract offer from UPS? We've lost count. But here are two more.



Lie #1: “If you don’t vote Yes, you will lose your health coverage on January 1.”

Truth: You will not lose anything on January 1, the contract extension will be in full force and so will your health coverage. In addition, there is zero chance this contract will be ratified by January 1. Several supplements and riders have not even been voted yet, and no vote is scheduled. The biggest local union of all, Louisville Local 89, is holding out for a good contract rider and has no plans to bring a crappy deal up for a vote. So in addition to our South West Rider going down, there are others in Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, Pennsylvania and New Jersey open and active.

Lie #2: “UPS is getting out of the health care business.”

Truth: UPS is very big in the health care business, and insisting that all UPS Freight Teamsters stay in a company plan. Tens of thousands of managers and Teamster retirees are in company plans, and management is demanding that all UPS Freight Teamsters be in a company plan for the next five years at least. Why? Because UPS Freight Teamsters get inferior (read: cheap for the company) coverage, so management is only too happy to keep them there.

Why are they always lying to try to get us to vote Yes?

Because the truth is, after we voted nearly 3-1 against our contract and the South West Rider, they have not bargained anything from the company. They improved our health benefits by diverting future money that is supposed to go into improving our pensions.

Voting yes will not get a raise a minute faster, because the whole contract must be ratified. Many supplements and riders are still bargaining, with no vote expected until 2014. They are fighting for a good contract.

One more No vote will force them back to the bargaining table for real changes in the contract.

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