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Labour Court Hearing January 2009 - AECI News Update

Dear Members,

The scheduled hearing before the Labour Court to address the proposed variation to the electrical **REA** (Registered Employment Agreement) &, to cancel the REA, started on Monday the 12th January 2009 & progressed all week until 5.00pm on Friday.

The hearing continues this week until all evidence is presented.

The TEEU alone support the application to vary the rate while AECI, ECA oppose the application.

The basis for the application to cancel the REA is that there are substantial changes in the industry since it was first registered. This hearing is proving extensive & time consuming.

The main theme of the evidence put forward to date appears to focus on:

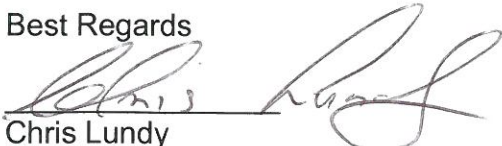
1. A lack of knowledge of existence of the REA.
2. Non compliance with the terms & conditions of the REA.

The President of AECI has stated at the Labour Court that the AECI are not happy with the current REA (Registered Employment Agreement) and as per our Member's Ballot taken it was agreed to seek a **full** and **complete** renegotiation of the employment agreement.

AECI are being represented in the labour court throughout the proceedings by officers, trustees, & executive council members.

Members will be updated on the proceedings as the week progresses, by both email and on the AECI website.

Best Regards


Chris Lundy
Executive Secretary