

pn nsw coal ea 2012

members' information newsletter



Meeting Number Four

RTBU Disappointed with Attitude displayed by PN Coal Management

Members would be aware that an agreement exists between the RTBU and all Divisions within Pacific National for a common expiry date for the 2012 EAs of 30th June 2015 that could, by agreement of all parties, be extended to 30th June 2016, (National Newsletter # 3 – PN NSW Coal Newsletter # 1)

Yesterday at the meeting between PN Coal NSW and your Negotiating Team the RTBU again asked for conformation that the common expiry dates of 30/06/2015 or 30/06/2016, were still coal's interpretation, of the outcomes of the meeting held at the RTBU Redfern Office on the Friday 11th November 2011, between RTBU Representatives and the Divisional Managers. The reply, to say the least, was evasive. The RTBU then requested that the management representatives ask for a signed letter from coal's NSW General Manager stating his position on the common expiry dates and that letter be tabled prior to the commencement of any negotiations the next day.

Your Negotiating Team then continued to negotiate the Coal EA 2012. This resulted, in the view of your Negotiating Team, in some progress being made before that day's session closed.

Today, at the beginning of the meeting, the RTBU asked that the letter from coal NSW General Manager be produced, the reply was that the General Manager of NSW coal would be meeting with managers of other divisions later and a written response to our request would be forwarded by the end of the week.

Clearly this was unacceptable, this was not the first time your Negotiating Team had requested confirmation of the common expiry dates and again the company failed to confirm the previously agreed position.

If there is an inability by either party to honour an agreed position, then it is incumbent on that party, to inform the other of their change of position. For reasons they have elected to keep to themselves, Pacific National Coal, NSW seems unable or unwilling to extend these common courtesies to your Negotiating Team, giving it no choice but to halt negotiation.

Until Pacific National Coal, NSW can produce written documentation to the RTBU on its position regarding the common expiry date, your Negotiating Team has no choice but to place the negotiations on hold..

All other Negotiating Teams have been informed of this regrettable change in Pacific National Coal, New South Wales attitude and of its consequences.

As always you will be kept up to date by your Negotiating Team.

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Your EA Negotiating Team

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Additional Depot Delegates
 will be included, when Depot
 Specific items are being
 negotiated.

Proposed Meetings

DATE	VENUE
None Scheduled	

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