UTU Hands Counterproposal to MTA on 24th Day of Strike

(Oct. 9) MTA negotiators are reviewing a counterproposal handed across the bargaining table, Monday afternoon, by the UTU team. Union negotiators had been working on the plan since bargaining talks adjourned early Sunday evening.

The UTU's counteroffer - made on the 24th day of the strike - came in response to an MTA contract proposal presented to the union last Friday. Monday's first bargaining session lasted about 40 minutes.

On Sunday, the two sides met for about 45 minutes, then adjourned while the UTU team caucused with the state mediator. By about 5:45 p.m., when it became apparent that union negotiators would not be able to complete their counterproposal at a reasonable hour, talks were concluded for the evening.

MTA and ATU negotiators have been in contact by phone, but no new face-to-face talks have been scheduled.

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