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Teamsters at Union Beverage Company Ratify Local 744 Contract

Liquor Delivery Drivers Get Better Benefits and Wages

Teamsters Local 744 liquor delivery drivers recently ratified a new three-year contract, which featured improvements in wages and benefits. The new agreement covers 62 drivers, who have been organized since 1987.

The drivers voted in favor of the Local 744 contract by a vote of 36-to-18. They are employed by NWS-Illinois, LLC, doing business as Union Beverage Company.

“The negotiations were very intense,” said Gregory McQuitter, Local 744 President. “We took a strike vote and that passed, and we were able to overcome some hurdles throughout the bargaining. We successfully negotiated with the company for a fair and decent offer.”

The newly ratified contract includes:

- Higher wages
- Improved benefits
- Contract language changes

Teamsters Local 744 represents approximately 3,200 members in the Chicagoland area. It is an affiliate of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, which represents 1.4 million hardworking men and women throughout the United States and Canada.