Negotiations resumed at KMEX on April 6th, with a brief review of proposals looking for things that could be agreed upon. The Company picked up on the “VJ” Video Journalists discussion.

The Company had previously asked for copies of NABET issues or language dealing with VJ’s. The Union provided a copy of the WFSB Meredith Broadcasting language, which the Union found this proposal to be fairly well written. The proposal had many protections for the work force that if modeled for KMEX, could have possibly resulted in a document that would have met the committee’s approval for the bargaining unit’s consideration.

The parties caucused and then went to lunch before returning to discuss the Traffic and Master Control Arbitration Awards, which both require a return of the work “status quo ante”, as things were before. This meeting began at 3pm.

The balance of the day was spent in discussions on compliance with the two Arbitration Awards, which both call for the Company to restore to KMEX, the jobs that were unilaterally moved to non-union workers, and make whole the bargaining unit for money lost over the past 2 years and 7 months. More discussion to follow. Ana Luna has returned to Traffic, and we await our second full time Traffic Coordinator. Be sure to welcome Ana back to KMEX!

The talks resumed Friday at 10:30am.

The Company presented a VJ/MMJ proposal, which took the parts of the Meredith proposal they liked, and called it a new proposal on VJ’s. The Company took the language and carved out something that would not be agreed upon by the committee or the bargaining unit. The committee will respond accordingly.

The parties agreed to further meetings on April 13 & 14, 2017, and May 9, 10, 15, & 16, 2017.

Please contact us if you have any questions on these matters.

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NABET-CWA/KMEX Negotiating Committee

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