

CMS Policy Manual

A dispute had arisen involving the CMS Policy Manual and the desire of the UTU to update the 1996 version. Adding to the dispute was a manual used by CMS that was found to contain many inaccuracies.

The General Chairman appointed a Committee to work with him in reviewing the CMS Policy Manual, identifying inaccuracies, try to bring the manual up to date and meet with Carrier Representatives to attempt to reach an updated version. This Committee consists of General Chairman Nowlin, Local Chairmen John Baker, John Butler, Tom Lusinger and Mark Schroeder. (Mr. Schroeder had also been appointed to a Committee to assist in CMTS issues.)

Meetings have been held in person and via conference call since June 28, 2010. It is believed that we are at a point of having a manual re-written and sent to all Local Chairmen for review. All Chairmen will be asked to submit any remaining discrepancies to the General Chairman for handling.

We are in hopes of having the Policy Manual updated soon with the 1996 CMS Policy Manual agreement in place to protect our agreements and understandings.