



# LOCAL 506 SUPPLEMENT

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## Company Issues “W.A.R.N. NOTICE”

Yesterday the company informed the union at 12:00 noon that approximately 500 of our members will be laid off starting in November. While the news was expected due to the earlier announcement in April that 950 union and 100 salaried workers would be let go, it is still bad news.

While the company has stated that orders are down and commitments from prospective customers are still up in the air, we continue to hope that new orders could lessen the impact on our members. This is the third time since 2009 that a W.A.R.N. notice has been issued to this union and while we understand that orders dictate employment levels, this notice is much different from pass ones (worldwide recession).

There were options in the past (SERO'S) that helped minimize the impact on our employees, but that option is no longer available. Unfortunately, we could not come to an agreement during the decision bargaining that ended in June, which the company claims would have preserved over 400 jobs, but we are very mindful of the plant that was built in Texas and we feel that Texas, along with the company's competitive talk plays a major part as to what is happening here.

We would also like to remind you that GE is on course to make record profits again this year and this is the way our members are rewarded for making “Transportation” number one in the GE chain.

We will do everything we can to make sure our members get all the negotiated benefits that come with this announcement and do our best to make sure the proper procedures are being followed.