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**CWA Members Extend Contract, Continue Negotiations with Optimum**

**Charleston, W.Va.** — Members of the Communications Workers of America (CWA) have agreed to a two-week contract extension with Optimum to give the two sides more time to reach a contract agreement that provides local workers with the pay and benefits they have earned and deserve. The contract extension expires on July 12, 2024, at 11:59 p.m.

Last month, CWA members voted overwhelmingly to authorize a strike at Optimum if negotiations between CWA and the telecom company fail to reach a fair settlement before the current contract expires. The current four-year contract, covering workers from Beckley to Logan, was previously extended after expiring in April.

Optimum is the brand name for telecommunications services provided by Altice USA and its subsidiary Universal Cable Holdings, LLC. Altice is the fourth-largest telecommunications provider in the country and also operates a low-cost broadband option, Altice Advantage Internet, for eligible customers.

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**About CWA**: The Communications Workers of America represents working people in telecommunications, customer service, media, airlines, health care, public service and education, manufacturing, tech, and other fields.

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