



**Telecommunications Employees
Association of Manitoba, Inc.
TEAM-IFPTE LOCAL 161**



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Human Resources and Skills Development Canada
Federal Mediation and Conciliation Services
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Attention: Mr. Guy Baron, Director General
Federal Mediation and Conciliation Services

RE: MTS Inc. - Employer Applicant and Telecommunications Employees Association
of Manitoba - International Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers
(TEAM-IFPTE) Local 161 Union

Dear Mr. Baron

TEAM is in receipt of the letter from Don Rooney, Labour Relations Director of MTS Inc. dated April 8, 2013 requesting the appointment of a Conciliation Officer.

The Parties met over fourteen (14) days since February 4, 2013. However, monetary items have not been discussed other than TEAM stating it was not at the table to negotiate concessions. Neither Party has presented a detailed monetary package to the other. TEAM has requested disclosure of employee information which will impact the content of the detailed monetary package. To date MTS has not provided TEAM with all information requested. Three (3) days of bargaining were scheduled April 9-11. TEAM informed MTS it required one full day of preparation after receiving the requested employee information. MTS informed TEAM April 9 that the information would not be available in time to allow for the bargaining on those dates.

While TEAM is concerned MTS's application is premature, we look forward to working with the Conciliator to achieve a collective agreement.

Yours truly,


Wesley N. Emerson
Labour Relations Officer

cc: Don Rooney, MTS Inc.