



## **UWUA Local 1-2 Update Tentative Agreement**

Harry J. Farrell, President of Local 1-2 of the Utility Workers Union of America, said tonight, " After nearly a month of the largest lockout of workers in U.S. labor history by a private corporation, I would like to thank New York Governor Andrew Cuomo for his presence of mind and leadership in helping Con Edison to find a way to deliver to my members a contract that is a fair, equitable and decent return on the fruits of our labor. "Besides Governor Cuomo, I would also like to applaud the efforts of the many elected State and City officials who joined our cause. I would especially like to thank Assembly Members Keith Wright, Kevin Cahill, and James Brennan and their colleagues for helping expose to the public the deep threats the lockout posed to New Yorkers. "I save my greatest thanks to the Brothers and Sisters of our Local for staying united in the face of an unprecedented assault. The leadership of Mario Cilento of the State AFL-CIO and Vincent Alvarez of the New York City Central Labor Council in spearheading the effort to unite labor on our behalf was invaluable and should serve as a shining light for the labor movement across the country. We are deeply, deeply grateful."

Mario Cilento, President of New York State AFL-CIO, said, "Governor Cuomo played a critical and indispensable role in bringing the parties together to reach an agreement and end this lockout. His efforts have helped bring the members of Local 1-2 back to work – where they belong – providing vital services to Con Ed customers. I commend the Governor for his leadership, and I commend the members and their leader Harry Farrell for standing together and fighting for all New Yorkers."

Vincent Alvarez, President of the New York City Central Labor Council said, "We congratulate the hardworking members of Local 1-2, union president Harry Farrell and the rest of the union leadership on reaching a deal today with Con Edison, ending 26 days of a dangerous and unnecessary lockout.

The entire labor movement came together to support Local 1-2, as did many elected officials and members of the public. They responded to rallies, they walked picket lines and stood together as one against Con Ed's billions and corporate greed to fight for fairness and justice. We thank all of them, and we especially thank Gov. Cuomo for his leadership in ending this lockout and helping get 8,500 utility workers back on the job"