



# The Canadian Merchant Service Guild

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## AMENDED NOTICE RE: STRIKE VOTE VOTING HOURS EXTENDED

<b>DATE</b>	June 2, 2014	
<b>TO</b>	<b>ALL CMSG MEMBERS at SEASPAN ULC</b>	
cc	Capt. Mike Armstrong	WB President
	Capt. Mark Boucher	National President
	Jeff Sanders	Business Agent
<b>FROM</b>	Zulema Sanabria	Secretary Treasurer
<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>Voting Hours Extended for Members at Seaspan ULC</b>	

A number of Members have contacted the Western Branch to indicate that they will have difficulty being able to attend the upcoming meeting because of their work location or their hours of work. As this is a federal certification, the Canada Labour Code Section 87.3 (1) requires that in order to be valid, a strike vote must be conducted using a secret ballot.

Some Members have suggested alternative voting arrangements that would not meet the requirements of a secret ballot. While conducting an electronic vote may be permissible, the matter at hand is urgent and does not allow sufficient time to ensure that there is opportunity for a valid strike vote to be conducted electronically by secret ballot across the bargaining unit. In light of this development, arrangements have been made to extend the time period for voting in this referendum until 10:00pm on Wednesday June 4th. Voting will take place by secret ballot and Members are only eligible to vote in person. Detailed information concerning the current situation will be available for discussion during this time period. After the voting period has ended, the referendum committee will count the ballots and the results will be announced on the Guild website.

**Voting Date: Wednesday, June 4, 2014**

**Time: 08:00 to 22:00**

**Location: CMSG Chainlocker – 218 Blue Mountain Street, Suite #101, Coquitlam, BC**

Yours truly,

**WESTERN BRANCH**

  
Zulema Sanabria  
Secretary Treasurer