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Today the SBU met with SA Power Networks/Enerven company bargaining representatives to run them through our combined SBU Log of Claims (please find a copy of the log of claims attached to this document).

SA Power Networks did not have a Log of Claims to give the SBU. SA Power Networks/Enerven re-asserted that their offer still stands at a 12-month Agreement with a 2% wage increase.

We met for 4 hours, discussing our Log of Claims in detail. We explained each claim and the rationale for each claim. As you read the Log of Claims, you will see many items that are familiar or are linked to issues that have been present in your workplace for a very long time. We are taking this opportunity to ensure that SA Power Networks knows the background of the issues that these claims are designed to fix.

The meeting today was intense, with a high level of engagement on both sides. It was quite refreshing to have the attention of Managers that know the business and for them to be able to ask questions about the issues behind our claims.

SA Power Networks/Enerven said that they were disappointed at the length of our Log of Claims. The SBU finds this reaction from the business disappointing.

The problems that exist in the workplace have been building over years and this Log of Claims is the employees chance to address the issues like roster changes, the over use of supplementary labour and the use of defined term contracts in areas where they are not relating to a defined term project.

Our members have told us stability and security of their employment is paramount.

It is important that members understand that these claims are for the benefit of all union members collectively. We hope that these issues can be fixed through the EA process, but if not, we will engage with our members and continue to push for these matters to be resolved through other means, such as the issue resolution process.

SA Power Networks have given us a commitment that they will be responding to our claims in writing at the next meeting, unless they can get the responses to us before the next meeting.

The next meeting is planned for Thursday the 14th of September, 9:30 to 12:30. This is a very short time frame considering the amount of work that has gone into the claims. We will keep members updated.

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