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Union, Verizon Talks to Continue Thursday

The Communications Workers of America, the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and Verizon are continuing bargaining on a contract covering 78,000 union workers. Further talks are scheduled for Thursday morning.

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