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FMCS Director Hurtgen Announces Tentative Agreement on Technology Issues in Port Negotiations

Although a final agreement has not been reached, Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (FMCS) Director Peter J. Hurtgen, who has been mediating the current negotiations between ILWU and PMA, announced a tentative agreement concerning the key issues of new technology and retention of union's jurisdiction for marine clerk work.

This tentative agreement is subject to the parties reaching agreement on additional remaining important issues, including pensions. No details of the technology/jurisdiction agreement are available until a complete agreement is reached.

"The parties have worked long and hard," Hurtgen said after reaching this historic agreement at 4 a.m. PCT, November 1, 2002. He praised the good faith efforts of both parties and said he will continue negotiations today and day by day thereafter until there is a full and complete agreement.

The parties have agreed to continue the press blackout while negotiations are ongoing.