

Boeing workers reject tentative union contract, extend strike to win pension benefits

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Seattle, October 26 (RHC)-- Boeing workers on the U.S. West Coast are extending their six-week strike after rejecting a proposed contract deal.

Earlier, Boeing reported a \$6.1 billion loss. The deal, which was rejected by 64% of voters, included a 35% wage increase over four years.

Striking workers are demanding a 40% raise and the reinstatement of their defined-benefit pension plan.

A Boeing machinist speaking ahead of the vote told reporters: "I think it's a decent contract, but I think it's not what we asked for. And I feel like the contract, it's not going to push the company forward for longevity in the long run. There's a lot of new hires that are struggling. Boeing, in this economy, could do a lot better with all the money that we've made for them over the years."

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