

Resolution Number 80
IUOE Local 513

Whereas, IUOE Local 513 got its start in St. Louis Missouri on April 28, 1906. It was originally part of The International Union of Steam Engineers; and

Whereas, later it became the Hoisting and Portable Local of the Operating Engineers. The Local started out with steam powered crane and shovel operators to today where they represent over 4000 construction operators, heavy equipment mechanics, quarries, concrete, sand and asphalt plants; and

Whereas, Local 513 was instrumental in the construction of almost all major building projects in the St. Louis area. Some of these include: all major bridges across the Mississippi River except the Eads Bridge, all major highways leading into and out of St. Louis, all lock and dams on the Mississippi in the St. Louis area, almost all major buildings in St. Louis, which include hotels, federal courthouses, casinos, hospitals and civic centers, the Gateway Arch, Sportsman Park, two Busch Stadiums, the Edward Jones Dome, the “Big 3” car plants, St. Louis International Airport, and many more projects too numerous to mention; and

Whereas, The John Fabick Tractor Co. was founded in 1917 selling Cletrac Crawler Tractors and John Deere farm implements. In 1921 they took on the C. L. Best Tractor line of equipment that later became Caterpillar in 1925; and

Whereas, Fabick now employs 600 people in the two-state area. Fabick has been associated with Local 513 since the mid ‘30s. The three shops Fabick has in the St. Louis area are: John Fabick Tractor Co., Fabick Power Systems and Fabick Rents; and

Whereas, the contract between IUOE Local 513 and Fabick expired on May1, 2009. There have been no strikes at Fabick since 1994. However, with the economy at its worst since the Great Depression, Fabick has decided to take advantage of the current economic situation and force the mechanics to relinquish work rules that have been in place for over 70 years; and

Whereas, the strike is not over money but retaining job security and working conditions that previous generations of St. Louis mechanics at Fabick have fought for and maintained for years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis supports the IUOE Local 513 in its strike against Fabick Tractor and urges Fabick to be reasonable at the bargaining table in their negotiations with IUOE Local 513 and we further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and make it available to the public.

Introduced on the 26th day of June, 2009 by:

Honorable Stephen M. Gregali, 14th Ward

Adopted this the 26th day of June, 2009 as attested:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen

