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## AT&T Announces Job Reduction

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AT&T announced a job surplus on Dec. 4 affecting 4,800 union-represented and 7,400 management positions nationwide. The company cited the declining economy and business outlook for 2009.

AT&T says the reductions will begin later this month and continue into 2009. CWA Executive Vice President Annie Hill said the union will continue to meet with AT&T to make certain that all job security provisions in our contracts are fully followed and that members' job rights are protected.

Under CWA contracts, union members have rights and opportunity to transfer to other positions within AT&T. Some workers also have the option of taking early retirement.

CWA and AT&T will begin contract negotiations on Feb. 24. Job security and job opportunity will be a major issue in these negotiations.

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