

Frontier to lay off 3 percent of state work force

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Frontier Communications will lay off about 3 percent of its overall total work force in Pennsylvania by the end of 2009, a spokesperson confirmed Wednesday.

The layoffs are a result of a recently negotiated labor contract with the Communication Workers of America union, said Patricia Amendola, spokesperson for Frontier's central region. She said the company will not comment on the specific number of affected workers. Amendola would not disclose the number of people employed by the company statewide.

The workers will be laid off by Dec. 30, Amendola said.

According to a press release from Frontier regarding the negotiations, the state CWA locals represent about 300 Frontier employees, including technicians in eastern Pennsylvania and call center employees in Wilkes-Barre who serve customers nationwide. The newly ratified contract expires in late 2012.

Frontier and the CWA also negotiated different job opportunities and benefits enhancements for all the unionized employees, Amendola said.

Frontier Communication Corp. offers telephone service, Internet access and satellite television services to customers in 24 states, according to the company.

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