

Union members reject British Waterways pay freeze

UNISON and Unite members employed by British Waterways have unanimously rejected the Company's proposal for a pay freeze for 2009/10. A consultative ballot of union members has returned an overwhelming rejection to British Waterways proposals to freeze pay.

Brendan Gold, National Secretary, Unite says "our members have demonstrated very clearly that they are prepared to take firm action against British Waterways and the company's attempt to introduce a pay freeze. British Waterways have failed to recognise that even at this time of low inflation our members' food, utility and travel costs are increasing day by day. British Waterways have also failed to recognise the commitment and loyalty of our members and are treating them disgracefully in proposing a pay freeze."

Jane Hamer, Assistant National Officer, UNISON says "An overwhelming 85% of our members have voted to reject the proposed pay freeze by British Waterways. Clearly our members cannot be ignored. We will be requesting urgent meetings with management to seek an improved offer at the earliest opportunity."

