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BOYCOTT PETRO-CANADA IN SUPPORT OF LOCKED-OUT MONTREAL WORKERS

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Edmonton – Members of Canada's largest energy workers' union will be picketing selected Petro-Canada gas stations on **Saturday Nov. 22** in support of locked-out workers at the Montreal refinery.

Petro-Canada locked out 260 workers of the Communications, Energy and Paperworkers Union (CEP) on November 17, 2007, refusing to give them the same contract it has already agreed to with its workers in other provinces.

To mark the first year of the lock-out, CEP has declared Nov.22 a National Day of Action and urges motorists to boycott Petro-Canada gas stations until the end of the lock-out.

An information picket line will go up **Saturday November 22, 2008 From 12:00 – 1:00 P.M. at Petro-Canada 137 Ave & Fort Road**

"With record profits, this lock-out is not about money", says CEP President Dave Coles. "This is an attempt to break the union – in particular of pattern bargaining in the energy sector. "

Over the last year, Petro-Canada has been found guilty of operating using illegal scabs, of intimidating and threatening workers and of ignoring orders to return to the bargaining table and negotiate in good faith.

"Running a refinery on a skeleton staff, who are working extremely long hours is a recipe for disaster", says M. Coles. The Quebec Ministry of the Environment, the Workers Health and Safety Commission and the City of Montreal have launched inquiries about disturbing safety and environmental incidents.

The Canadian Labour Congress and the Communications, Energy and Paperworkers Union of Canada have called for a national boycott campaign of Petro-Canada until the company ends the lockout.

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