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With a strike deadline looming, the group representing East and Gulf Coast ports is asking a federal agency to make the longshoremen's union come to the bargaining table to negotiate a new contract.

The U.S. Maritime Alliance says it filed an unfair labour practice charge with the National Labor Relations Board, alleging that the International Longshoremen's Association is not bargaining in good faith.

The alliance said in a prepared statement on September 26 that it filed the charge "due to the ILA's repeated refusal to come to the table and bargain on a new master contract."

The ports are asking for immediate relief, an order requiring the union to resume bargaining.

The move comes just four days before the ILA's six-year contract with the ports expires, and the union representing 45,000 dockworkers from Maine to Texas says it will go on strike at 12:01 a.m. on October 1.

The two sides haven't bargained since June.

Read more in an [article from Transport Topics](#).

Montreal Dockworkers Approve Strike Mandate

Dockworkers at the Port of Montreal have approved a strike mandate after more than a year of contract negotiations. Longshore workers voted 97.9 percent in favour of granting their union executive the authority to call a strike if it chooses.

The union local, affiliated with the Canadian Union of Public Employees, would need to issue a 72-hour notice before its nearly 1,200 members could walk off the job.

The parties remain in mediation, and the Maritime Employers Association says it hopes to hash out a deal at the table in the coming days.

Read more in an [article from The Globe and Mail](#).