

Kroger and union ratify new labor agreements

The Kroger Co. announced that associates working at King Soopers and City Market stores in Colorado have ratified new labor agreements with union UFCW Local 7.

"We are pleased to reach agreements that are good for our associates. These new contracts provide wage increases, affordable health care and ongoing investment in our associates' pension fund to support their retirement," said Russ Dispense, president of King Soopers and City Market.

"I want to thank our associates for supporting these agreements and for the excellent service they provide to our customers every day," he added.

The contracts cover more than 10,000 associates working in 103 stores, 36 fuel centersand pharmacy technicians in 78 pharmacies in Colorado, including Denver, Boulder, Broomfield, Colorado Springs, Fort Collins, Grand Junction, Longmont, Parker and Pueblo.

Kroger, one of the world's largest retailers, employs more than 400,000 associates who serve customers in 2,620 supermarkets and multi-department stores in 34 states. The company also operates 786 convenience stores and 1,360 supermarket fuel centers.