Timeline of Philadelphia Refinery Campaign

9/6/11	Sunoco announces plans to sell or close Philadelphia and Marcus Hook
9/19/11	ConocoPhillips announces idling of Trainer with plans for sale or permanent closure
9/28/11	Local/regional stakeholder meeting including major USW presence concerning all three refineries
9/30/11	Local union letter to members at both Sunoco locations
October- November 2011	Yard sign campaign in refinery communities – thousands of yard signs distributed and displayed
October 2011	Local union petition drive begins
October 2011	USW begins posting information about the refinery campaign on its web site and its oil bargaining Facebook page
Beginning October 2011	USW conducts extensive outreach to identify potential buyers, including domestic and foreign oil companies, private equity firms, and other investment companies
10/6/11	Initial legislative visits in Washington, D.C. carried out by staff
10/11/11	Congressional letters to Sunoco and ConocoPhillips expressing the urgency of getting the refineries sold
10/23-25/11	Visits to congressional offices in Washington, D.C., by local leaders and staff Leader Pelosi staff bring up refinery closing issue at White House briefing
November 2012	Community rally including local schoolchildren
11/1-2/11	Visits to congressional offices in Washington by local leaders and staff
11/4/11	Congressional request letter to VP Biden to meet re refinery closings
11/5/11	1,000-person rally in Marcus Hook – many elected officials spoke

11/7/11	Letter by Reps. Markey (D-Mass.) and Brady (D-Pa.) to FTC re anti-trust concerns Letter by Reps. Markey, Brady, and Waxman (D-Cal.) to DOE Energy Information Admin. (EIA) re concerns about supply
11/12-15/11	Visits to congressional offices in Washington by local leaders and staff
11/15/11	Letter from Reps. Carney (D-Del.), Meehan (R-Pa.), Brady, Fattah (D-Pa.) and Schwartz (D-Pa.) and Sens. Casey (D-Pa.), Toomey (R-Pa.), Coons (D-Del.) and Carper (D- Del.) to EIA requesting EIA to assess impact of refinery closures
11/18/11	Letter from Pres. Gerard to former Pa. Gov. Rendell concerning supply issues
11/28/11	Pres. Gerard letter to Northeast political officials re fuel supply concerns
December 2011	Major stakeholder meeting in Pennsylvania – pushed for and attended by USW
12/1/11	Sunoco idles Marcus Hook refinery
12/2/11	Statement from Rep. Carney (D-Del.) on idling of Sunoco Marcus Hook refinery
12/7/11	Initial letter from USW VP Gary Beevers to Pennsylvania Gov. Corbett, requesting a meeting to discuss the impacts of the projected refinery closures
12/8/11	Visits to congressional offices in Washington by local leaders and staff
12/12/11	Letter from Pa. State Rep. Kevin Murphy (D) to Democratic Chairman William Keller, Pa. House Labor & Industry Committee, requesting assistance in presenting refinery closure issue to Gov. Corbett
12/12-13/11	Visits to congressional offices in Washington by local leaders and staff
12/12-14/11	Rep. Brady letters to Sunoco and ConocoPhillips requesting details on proposed sale
12/20/11	Rep. Tim Holden (D-Pa.) letter to ConocoPhillips re sale of Trainer refinery; letter drafted by USW
12/23/11	Preliminary report by EIA on the impact of refinery closures released at USW and congressional urging; USW press release follows Press release from Reps. Markey, Waxman, and Brady in response to EIA preliminary report

12/27/11	Letters from Reps. Markey, Brady, and Schwartz to DOE Sec. Chu and to FTC on need to increase size of Northeast home heating oil reserve
January 2012	Director DeFazio letter to all Pennsylvania legislators Extensive USW effort to secure Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) benefits for laid-off refinery workers Detailed USW conversation with presidential advisor Gene Sperling and other senior White House staff
1/5-6/12	Visits to congressional offices in Washington by local leaders and staff Meeting between DOE Energy Information Admin. (EIA) and local leaders and staff Press conference in Washington – local leaders and staff
1/6/12	Rep. Critz (D-Pa.) letters to Sunoco and ConocoPhillips, encouraging companies to find buyers
1/9/12	Stakeholder meeting in Harrisburg, Pa. Letter from VP Beevers to Gov. Corbett asking governor to step up involvement
1/13/12	USW letter to Pa. attorney general re anti-trust concerns; USW letter to FAA re jet fuel supply concerns
1/15/12	USW press release denouncing ConocoPhillips statement re possible Trainer demolition
1/25/12	Letter by Sen. Casey to Sunoco and ConocoPhillips CEOs
1/31/12	USW launches on-line petition and letter drive targeted at Northeast political officials
February – April 2012	Numerous state-level hearings in Pennsylvania, all attended by USW local leaders
2/8/12	Press conference at Pennsylvania state capitol in Harrisburg; candlelight vigil at Gov. Corbett's mansion
2/10/12	Letter by Senate Casey to Sen. Energy & Commerce Chair Bingaman (D-N.M.) asking for Committee hearing on refinery closures
2/11/12	Community fundraising event in Marcus Hook and Trainer Action with post-it notes at Gov. Corbett's Philadelphia office
2/12/12	Letter from Rep. Brady to Sunoco CEO Elsenhans re sale of Philadelphia refinery

2/15/12	Refinery workers' rally in Washington, D.C., attended by at least 250 union members Press conference with Senators and Members of Congress Included visits to congressional offices by union members and staff Included rallies at Sunoco, ConocoPhillips offices
2/23/12	Testimony by Local 10-1 member Nancy Minor at hearing conducted by Pennsylvania House State Democratic Policy Committee members, Reps. Mike Sturla and Maria Donatucci
2/27/12	EIA releases full report demanded by USW on potential effect of refinery closures in Northeast; USW press release issued
2/28/12	Letter concerning refinery closures from Pa. State Rep. Kevin Murphy (D) to Republican and Democratic chairs of Pa. Senate Labor & Industry Committee
3/13/12	Leaked Pennsylvania state study proves USW case about job loss, devastating economic impact of closures; USW issues press release about leaked study
3/19/12	U.S. Rep. Patrick Meehan (R-PA) holds public hearing on impact of closures on U.S. Homeland Security; USW submits testimony
4/2/12	Follow-up letters from Pres. Gerard to FAA and FTC
4/3/12	USW press release on the effect of the projected refinery closures on national security
4/22/12	Sunoco announces exclusive sale negotiation agreement with Carlyle Group
4/25-26/12	Visits to congressional offices in Washington by local leaders and staff; congressional Joint Economic Committee hearing on refinery closings; USW submits testimony
4/30/12	ConocoPhillips announces sale of Trainer to Delta Air Lines – sale finalized in June 2012; USW labor agreement ratified in May
June 2012	Intense Carlyle talks with Sunoco continuing with USW encouragement
7/2/12	The Carlyle Group and Sunoco announce agreement to form Philadelphia Energy Solutions, a joint venture Local 10-1 ratifies contract by almost a unanimous vote