

Strike threat at oil and gas pipe company



Baker Hughes can afford to do better by workers

The threat of strike action hangs over a Newcastle energy company after workers twice turned down a real terms pay cut.

More than 200 workers at Baker Hughes, in Walker, will now take part in a formal industrial action ballot.

The dates of the ballot will be announced in the coming days.

GMB members at the company – which makes pipelines for the oil and gas industry – have overwhelmingly turned down pay offers of 4 and 4.56 per cent.



With inflation at 12.3 per cent, both offers amount to massive real terms pay cut.

Michael Hunt, GMB Organiser, said:

"These workers are facing the worst cost of living pressures in a generation.

"Four and a half per cent is nowhere near enough.

"This is a multinational company making vital pipes for the energy sector – it's order books are full for years to come.

"It can afford to do better by its workers."

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