

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

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IN RE: : Chapter 11
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PATRIOT COAL CORPORATION, *et al.*, : Case No. 12-12900 (SCC)
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Debtors. : Jointly Administered
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**ORDER AUTHORIZING THE RETENTION OF EPIQ BANKRUPTCY
SOLUTIONS, LLC AS INFORMATION AGENT FOR THE OFFICIAL
COMMITTEE OF UNSECURED CREDITORS**

Upon the application (the “**Application**”)¹ of the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (the “**Committee**”) of Patriot Coal Corporation and certain of its subsidiaries, debtors and debtors-in-possession (collectively, the “**Debtors**”) in the above-captioned cases (the “**Chapter 11 Cases**”) for an order authorizing the Committee to employ and retain Epiq Bankruptcy Solutions, LLC (“**Epiq**”) as Information Agent to the Committee in accordance with the terms of the Services Agreement, a true and correct copy of which is attached to the Application as **Exhibit C**, all as more fully set forth in the Application; and this Court having jurisdiction to order the relief provided herein in accordance with 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334 and Amended Standing Order of Reference M-431, dated January 31, 2012 (Preska, Acting C.J.); and this being a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b); and venue being proper before this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1408; and due and proper notice of the Application having been given, and no other or further notice need be provided; and the relief requested in the Application, as modified herein, being in the best interests of the Debtors and

¹ Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the same meanings ascribed to them in the Application.

their estates and creditors; and the Court having reviewed the Application and the Katchadurian Declaration; and there being no opposition to the requested relief; and the Court having determined that the legal and factual bases set forth in the Application and the Katchadurian Declaration establish just cause for the relief granted herein; and the Court being satisfied based on the representations made in the Application and the Katchadurian Declaration that Epiq is “disinterested” as that term is defined under section 101(14) of the Bankruptcy Code, and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefor,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The Application is granted to the extent provided herein.
2. The Committee is authorized, pursuant to section 1103(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, to employ and retain Epiq as their Information Agent in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Services Agreement, as modified herein, as generally described in the Application and the Katchadurian Declaration, *nunc pro tunc* to July 18, 2012.
3. Epiq is authorized to render the following professional services, as may be necessary and appropriate:
 - (a) Establish and maintain a website (the “**Committee Website**”) at www.patriotcoalcommittee.com that provides, without limitation:
 - (i) General information regarding these Chapter 11 Cases;
 - (ii) Contact information for the Committee (and any information hotlines that they establish), the Debtors’ counsel and the Committee’s counsel;
 - (iii) The date by which unsecured creditors must file their proofs of claim;
 - (iv) The voting deadline with respect to any chapter 11 plan of reorganization filed in these Chapter 11 Cases;

- (v) Access to the claims docket, as established by the Debtors or any claims agent retained in the Chapter 11 Cases;
- (vi) The Debtors' monthly operating reports;
- (vii) A list of upcoming omnibus hearing dates and the calendar of matters on such hearing dates;
- (viii) Answers to frequently asked questions;
- (ix) Links to other relevant websites (e.g., the Debtors' corporate website, the website of the Debtors' notice, claims and soliciting agent, Garden City Group, Inc., the Bankruptcy Court website and the website of the United States Trustee); and
- (x) Email functionality whereby viewers may submit an inquiry to the Committee.

- (b) Assist the Committee with certain administrative tasks, including, but not limited to, printing and serving documents as directed by the Committee and its counsel;
- (c) Provide a confidential data room, if necessary; and
- (d) Promptly comply with such further conditions and requirements as the Court may at any time prescribe.

4. The Debtors are authorized and directed to compensate Epiq on a monthly basis in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Services Agreement, upon Epiq's submission to the Committee, the Debtors and the United States Trustee of monthly invoices summarizing in reasonable detail the services rendered and expenses incurred in connection therewith.

5. The Committee, the Debtors, and the United States Trustee shall have ten (10) business days to advise Epiq of any objections to the monthly invoices. If a timely objection is raised to an Epiq invoice, the Debtors will remit to Epiq only the undisputed portion of the invoice and, if applicable, will pay the remainder to Epiq upon the resolution of the dispute. All objections that are not resolved by the parties shall be preserved and presented to

the Court by the objecting party at the next interim or final fee application hearing to be heard by the Court.

6. Notwithstanding the previous paragraphs 4 and 5, Epiq will (a) file a final fee application, and (b) submit monthly fee statements in the event that Epiq's fees exceed \$2,000 during any given month. Such fee applications and statements will be filed consistent with sections 330 and 331 of the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, the Local Rules, orders of the Court, the Order to Establish Procedures for Interim Monthly Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses of Professionals, dated August 2, 2012, the Amended Guidelines for Fees and Disbursements for Professionals in the Southern District of New York, dated November 25, 2009, and the United States Trustee Fee Guidelines (collectively, the "**Fee Guidelines**").

7. Prior to any increases in Epiq's rates for any individual retained by Epiq and providing services in these cases, Epiq shall file a supplemental affidavit with the Court and provide ten business days' notice to the Debtors, the United States Trustee and any official committee. The supplemental affidavit shall explain the basis for the requested rate increases in accordance with Section 330(a)(3)(F) of the Bankruptcy Code and state whether Epiq's client has consented to the rate increase. The United States Trustee retains all rights to object to any rate increase on all grounds including, but not limited to, the reasonableness standard provided for in section 330 of the Bankruptcy Code, and the Court retains the right to review any rate increase pursuant to Section 330 of the Bankruptcy Code.

8. Epiq shall use its reasonable best efforts to avoid any duplication of services provided by any of the Committee's other retained professionals in these Chapter 11 Cases.

9. To the extent the terms of this Order are in any way inconsistent with the Application or the Katchadurian Declaration, the terms of this Order shall govern.

10. The Committee is authorized to take all actions necessary to effectuate the relief granted pursuant to this Order in accordance with the Application.

11. The terms and conditions of this Order shall be immediately effective and enforceable upon its entry.

12. All time periods set forth in this Order shall be calculated in accordance with Bankruptcy Rule 9006(a).

13. The Court retains jurisdiction with respect to all matters arising from or related to the interpretation and implementation of this Order.

14. Notice of the Application as provided herein shall be deemed good and sufficient notice of the Application.

Dated: October 15, 2012
New York, New York

/S/ Shelley C. Chapman
HONORABLE SHELLEY C. CHAPMAN
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE