

TO: The Honorable Shelley C. Chapman

7 October 2012

One Bowling Green

Courtroom 621

New York, New York 10004-1408

Your Honor, my name is Lawrence L Bedwell "Larry". I am a retiree of Peabody Coal Company with 26 years of service. I retired in 2000 under the provisions of the 1974 contract. I worked all of my 26 years for Peabody, under a contract signed by Peabody. The contract promised health benefits for life for those retiring under the 1974 contract provisions and as well to their spouses.

I never in all my mining career ever worked for Patriot Coal Company.

I am 71 years old and have coronary artery disease. In 1996 I had a triple bypass, and in 2010 a stent. I have been on several medications since the 1996 surgery. I am doing well so far, but if we were to lose our health benefits it would be devastating to both our physical health and our financial well being.

The company I retired from, Peabody Coal Co, is still in business and quite healthy financially. I think it would be a grave injustice to those past employees and their spouses to allow Peabody, through paperwork shuffles and legal proceedings to renege on a promise that was accepted in good faith by those employees and agreed to by Peabody Coal Co.

We thank you sincerely for your kind attention to our concerns. Larry B edwell

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Your honor, my name is Lawrence E. Hedwell, "Larry". I am a retiree of Peabody Coal Company with 35 years of service. I retired in 2000 under the provisions of the 1974 contract. I worked all of my 35 years for Peabody Coal Company, a contract signed by Peabody. The contract provided that if I was laid off, I would be eligible for a lump sum payment of 10 weeks pay for each year of service.

I never in all my mining career ever worked for Peabody Coal Company.

I am 73 years old and have coronary artery disease. In 1991 I had a triple bypass and in 2010 a heart attack. I have been on several medications since the 1980s and surgery. I am doing well so far but if we were to lose our health benefits it would be devastating to both our physical health and our financial well-being.

The company I retired from, Peabody Coal Co, is still in business and after healthy financial performance it would be a grave injustice to those past employees and their spouses to allow Peabody (through Peabody Energy Services and legal proceedings to renege on a promise that was accepted in good faith by these employees and agreed to by Peabody Coal Co.

We thank you sincerely for your kind attention to our concern. Larry E. Hedwell

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