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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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In re:	:	Chapter 11
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PATRIOT COAL CORPORATION, <i>et al.</i> ,	:	Case No. 12-12900 (SCC)
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Debtors.	:	Jointly Administered
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**NOTICE OF MOTION OF THE OFFICIAL  
COMMITTEE OF UNSECURED CREDITORS FOR  
ENTRY OF AN ORDER (A) ESTABLISHING INFORMATION  
SHARING PROCEDURES, AND (B) GRANTING RELATED RELIEF**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE OF THE FOLLOWING:**

1. On October 18, 2012, the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (the "**Committee**") of the above-captioned debtors and debtors-in-possession (collectively, the "**Debtors**") filed the attached motion (the "**Motion**") for an Order (i) Establishing Information Sharing Procedures and (ii) Granting Related Relief.

2. A hearing (the "**Hearing**") to consider the Motion shall be held before the Honorable Shelley C. Chapman, United States Bankruptcy Judge, in Room 610 of the United States Bankruptcy Court, Alexander Hamilton Custom House, One Bowling Green, New York, New York, 10004, on November 1, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. (prevailing Eastern time).

2. Any objections to the proposed Order must be made in writing, filed with the Bankruptcy Court (with a copy to Chambers) in accordance with the Order Establishing Certain Notice, Case Management and Administrative Procedures [Docket No. 1386] (the "**Case Management Order**"), and served upon the Service List, as that term is defined in the Case Management Order, so as to be actually received no later than October 25, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time) (the "**Objection Deadline**").

3. If no objections to the entry of the proposed Order are timely filed and served on or before the Objection Deadline, the Court may enter the proposed Order with no further notice or opportunity to be heard offered to any party. If an Objection is received in accordance with the terms above, the Hearing on the Motion will take place on October 11, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. (prevailing Eastern time).

4. A copy of the Case Management Order and the Motion can be viewed and obtained on the Court's website at [www.ecf.nysb.uscourts.gov](http://www.ecf.nysb.uscourts.gov) or, without charge, at the Committee's information sharing website at <http://www.patriotcoalcommittee.com>.

Dated: New York, New York  
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**MOTION OF THE OFFICIAL COMMITTEE OF UNSECURED CREDITORS FOR  
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PROCEDURES, AND (B) GRANTING RELATED RELIEF**

TO THE HONORABLE SHELLEY C. CHAPMAN,  
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE:

The Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (the “**Committee**”) of the above captioned debtors and debtors-in-possession (collectively, the “**Debtors**”),<sup>1</sup> by and through its

<sup>1</sup> In addition to Patriot Coal Corporation, the Debtors are as follows: (1) Affinity Mining Company; (2) Apogee Coal Company, LLC; (3) Appalachia Mine Services, LLC; (4) Beaver Dam Coal Company, LLC; (5) Big Eagle, LLC; (6) Big Eagle Rail, LLC; (7) Black Stallion Coal Company, LLC; (8) Black Walnut Coal Company; (9) Bluegrass Mine Services, LLC; (10) Brook Trout Coal, LLC; (11) Catenary Coal Company, LLC; (12) Central States Coal Reserves of Kentucky, LLC; (13) Charles Coal Company, LLC; (14) Cleaton Coal Company; (15) Coal Clean LLC; (16) Coal Properties, LLC; (17) Coal Reserve Holding Limited Liability Company No. 2; (18) Colony Bay Coal Company; (19) Cook Mountain Coal Company, LLC; (20) Corydon Resources LLC; (21) Coventry Mining Services, LLC; (22) Coyote Coal Company LLC; (23) Cub Branch Coal Company LLC; (24) Dakota LLC; (25) Day LLC; (26) Dixon Mining Company, LLC; (27) Dodge Hill Holding JV, LLC; (28) Dodge Hill Mining Company, LLC; (29) Dodge Hill of Kentucky, LLC; (30) EACC Camps, Inc.; (31) Eastern Associated Coal, LLC; (32) Eastern Coal Company, LLC; (33) Eastern Royalty, LLC; (34) Emerald Processing, LLC; (35) Gateway Eagle Coal Company, LLC; (36) Grand Eagle Mining, LLC; (37) Heritage Coal Company LLC; (38) Highland Mining Company, LLC; (39) Hillside Mining Company; (40) Hobet Mining, LLC; (41) Indian Hill Company LLC; (42) Infinity Coal Sales, LLC; (43) Interior Holdings, LLC; (44) IO Coal LLC; (45) Jarrell’s Branch Coal Company;

undersigned counsel, respectfully submits this motion (the “**Motion**”) for entry of an order (the “**Order**”) pursuant to sections 105(a), 107(b), and 1102(b)(3), of title 11 of the United States Code (the “**Bankruptcy Code**”) and Rule 9018 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the “**Bankruptcy Rules**”) (a) establishing certain information sharing procedures (the “**Information Sharing Procedures**”) and (b) granting related relief. In support of the Motion, the Committee respectfully represents as follows:

### **BACKGROUND**

3. On July 9, 2012, the Debtors filed voluntary petitions for relief under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code (the “**Chapter 11 Cases**”). The Debtors are operating their businesses as debtors and debtors-in-possession pursuant to sections 1107(a) and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code.

4. On July 18, 2012, the United States Trustee for the Southern District of New York (the “**U.S. Trustee**”), pursuant to section 1102 of the Bankruptcy Code, appointed the Committee to represent the interests of all unsecured creditors in these Chapter 11 Cases. The members of the Committee are: (i) Wilmington Trust Company; (ii) U.S. Bank National Association; (iii) the United Mine Workers of America; (iv) the United Mine Workers of

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(46) Jupiter Holdings LLC; (47) Kanawha Eagle Coal, LLC; (48) Kanawha River Ventures I, LLC; (49) Kanawha River Ventures II, LLC; (50) Kanawha River Ventures III, LLC; (51) KE Ventures, LLC; (52) Little Creek LLC; (53) Logan Fork Coal Company; (54) Magnum Coal Company LLC; (55) Magnum Coal Sales LLC; (56) Martinka Coal Company, LLC; (57) Midland Trail Energy LLC; (58) Midwest Coal Resources II, LLC; (59) Mountain View Coal Company, LLC; (60) New Trout Coal Holdings II, LLC; (61) Newtown Energy, Inc. (62) North Page Coal Corp.; (63) Ohio County Coal Company, LLC; (64) Panther LLC; (65) Patriot Beaver Dam Holdings, LLC; (66) Patriot Coal Company, LP; (67) Patriot Coal Sales LLC; (68) Patriot Coal Services LLC; (69) Patriot Leasing Company LLC; (70) Patriot Midwest Holdings, LLC; (71) Patriot Reserve Holdings, LLC; (72) Patriot Trading LLC; (73) PCX Enterprises, Inc.; (74) Pine Ridge Coal Company, LLC; (75) Pond Creek Land Resources, LLC; (76) Pond Fork Processing LLC; (77) Remington Holdings LLC; (78) Remington II LLC; (79) Remington LLC; (80) Rivers Edge Mining, Inc.; (81) Robin Land Company, LLC; (82) Sentry Mining, LLC; (83) Snowberry Land Company; (84) Speed Mining LLC; (85) Sterling Smokeless Coal Company, LLC; (86) TC Sales Company, LLC; (87) The Presidents Energy Company LLC; (88) Thunderhill Coal LLC; (89) Trout Coal Holdings, LLC; (90) Union County Coal Co., LLC; (91) Viper LLC; (92) Weatherby Processing LLC; (93) Wildcat Energy LLC; (94) Wildcat, LLC; (95) Will Scarlet Properties LLC; (96) Winchester LLC; (97) Winifrede Dock Limited Liability Company; and (98) Yankeetown Dock, LLC. The employer tax identification numbers and addresses for each of the Debtors are set forth in the Debtors’ chapter 11 petitions.

America 1974 Pension Plan and Trust; (v) Gulf Coast Capital Partners, LLC; (vi) Cecil Walker Machinery; and (vii) American Electric Power.<sup>2</sup>

#### **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

5. The Court has jurisdiction to consider this Motion pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1334. This is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b). Venue is proper before the Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409.

6. The statutory predicates for the relief sought herein are sections 105(a), 1102 and 1103 of the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rule 9018.

#### **RELIEF REQUESTED**

7. Pursuant to this Motion, the Committee requests entry of an Order authorizing the Committee to establish and implement the Information Sharing Procedures in order to facilitate the Committee's duties under section 1102(b)(3) of the Bankruptcy Code to provide general unsecured creditors with access to information related to the Chapter 11 Cases. The Information Sharing Procedures establish a framework so that the Committee can provide general unsecured creditors with access to information through, without limitation, (i) the establishment and maintenance of a website (the "**Committee Website**");<sup>3</sup> (ii) the establishment and maintenance of a "submit an inquiry" functionality for the Committee Website to allow general unsecured creditors to send an email with questions to counsel to the Committee; and

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<sup>2</sup> The Debtors, the Committee, each member of the Committee and the Committee's professionals entered into a confidentiality agreement (the "**Confidentiality Agreement**"), which, among other things, governs the use and disclosure of non-public information, documents, communications and matters of whatever nature and kind disclosed to the Committee or its representatives by or on behalf of the Debtors, or the Debtors' non-Debtor subsidiaries and affiliates or their respective representatives or professionals, whether in writing or orally or in any other format (collectively, with all summaries thereof or information derived therefrom, "**Debtor Confidential Material**").

<sup>3</sup> Prior to the filing of this Motion, the Creditors' Committee filed an application to employ and retain Epiq Bankruptcy Solutions LLC ("**Epiq**") as the information agent for the Committee (the "**Epiq Retention Application**"). Epiq's duties include the creation and maintenance of the Committee Website and a "submit an inquiry" functionality to allow unsecured creditors to send questions and comments concerning the Chapter 11 Cases. The Court approved the retention of Epiq on October 15, 2012 [found at Docket No. 1251].

(iii) procedures for general unsecured creditors to submit information requests (“**Information Requests**”) directly to the Committee.

**THE INFORMATION SHARING PROCEDURES**

8. Section 1102 of the Bankruptcy Code governs the appointment of creditors’ committees. See 11 U.S.C. § 1102(a). Specifically, section 1102(b)(3) of the Bankruptcy Code provides, in relevant part:

(3) A creditors’ committee appointed under subsection (a) shall —

(A) provide access to information for creditors who

(i) hold claims of the kind represented by that committee; and

(ii) are not appointed to the committee;

(B) solicit and receive comments from the creditors described in subparagraph (A); and

(C) be subject to a court order that compels any additional report or disclosure to be made to the creditors described in subparagraph (A).

11 U.S.C. § 1102(b)(3)(A)-(C). Thus, a creditors’ committee is required to provide its constituency of general unsecured creditors with access to information as part of its duties under section 1102(b)(3) of the Bankruptcy Code.

9. In order to provide general unsecured creditors with access to certain information, the Committee, through Epiq, will undertake, *inter alia*, until the earliest to occur of: dissolution of the Committee, dismissal or conversion of these Chapter 11 Cases, or a further order of this Court, the following actions and procedures, if necessary and appropriate:

a) Establish and maintain the Committee Website at <http://www.patriotcoalcommittee.com> that provides, without limitation:

i. General information regarding the Chapter 11 Cases;

- ii. A general overview of the chapter 11 process;
  - iii. Contact information for the Debtors (and any information hotlines that they establish), the Debtors' counsel and the Committee's counsel;
  - iv. The date by which unsecured creditors must file their proofs of claim;
  - v. The voting deadline with respect to any chapter 11 plan of reorganization filed in the Chapter 11 Cases;
  - vi. The claims docket, as established by the Debtors;
  - vii. The Debtors' monthly operating reports;
  - viii. A list of upcoming omnibus hearing dates and the calendar of matters on such hearing dates;
  - ix. Answers to frequently asked questions;
  - x. 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
  - xi. Maintain an electronic "Submit an Inquiry" form for creditors to submit questions and comments.<sup>4</sup>
- b) Respond to creditor inquiries via telephone, letter, email, facsimile or otherwise, as appropriate, and related services; and
  - c) Coordinate with the Debtors to provide a link to the Committee website on the Debtors' public website hosted by Garden City Group, Inc.

10. In addition to the Committee Website, if a general unsecured creditor (the "**Requesting Creditor**") makes a written information request seeking the disclosure of additional information, the Committee will, within fifteen (15) calendar days of receiving the Information Request, respond to the Requesting Creditor through the means deemed most reasonable under the circumstances, either providing access to the information requested (or

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<sup>4</sup> Pursuant to the Epiq engagement letter (and subsequent application), Epiq will also assist the Committee with certain administrative tasks, including, but not limited to, printing and serving documents as directed by the Committee and its counsel.

stating that the Committee will do so) or the reasons for the Committee being unable to comply with the Information Request.

11. The Committee shall not be required to provide or disclose to its non-member constituents, without further order of the Court: (i) information or documents generated by the Committee, or by any of the Committee's professionals, or by any Committee member or counsel to any Committee member for the use of the Committee (collectively, "**Privileged Information**") and communications among Committee members in their capacity as such and communications among Committee professionals and the Committee, including information regarding specific positions taken by Committee members (collectively, "**Committee Communications**," and together with Privileged Information, "**Confidential Committee Material**"); (ii) any other information covered by an applicable confidentiality agreement with the Committee (including its members or professionals), including, without limitation, the Confidentiality Agreement and any other confidentiality agreement with the Debtors; (iii) any other information whose disclosure would constitute a breach or violation under any agreement or contract to which the Committee (including its members or professionals) are parties, including, without limitation, the Confidentiality Agreement and any other confidentiality agreement with the Debtors; or (iv) any other information the disclosure of which would constitute a waiver of any applicable privilege, including, without limitation, attorney-client privilege and work-product privilege ((i), (ii), (iii) and (iv), collectively, "**Confidential Material**").<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>5</sup> For the avoidance of doubt, Confidential Material shall not include any information or portions of information that are or become generally available to the public, or are or become available to any member of the Committee on a non-confidential basis, but in any such case, only to the extent such information became available to the applicable parties' knowledge without violation of a contractual, legal, or fiduciary obligation to the Debtors or any of their respective affiliates or representatives of which such parties are aware. Confidential information shall also not include information that was, to the applicable parties' knowledge, in the possession of, obtained by, or available to



12. In addition, the Committee shall not be required or authorized to provide or disclose to any third party or its non-member constituents any Debtor Confidential Material.

13. Any information received (formally or informally) by the Committee from any entity in connection with an examination pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 2004 or in connection with any formal or informal discovery in any contested matter, adversary proceeding, or other litigation shall not be governed by the terms of the proposed Order but, rather, by any order or agreement governing such discovery.

14. Any information received by the United Mine Workers of America, in its capacity as a representative under 11 U.S.C. §§ 1113 or 1114, shall not be governed by the terms of this Order but, rather, by the *Stipulated Protective Order under 11 U.S.C. §§ 1113(d)(3) and 1114(k)(3)* [Docket No. 1040].

15. The Committee shall not be required to provide access to information to any entity that has not demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Committee that it holds claims of the kind described in section 1102(b)(3) of the Bankruptcy Code, nor shall the Committee be required to satisfy an Information Request, which, in its judgment, is unduly burdensome.

16. If the Requesting Creditor is a competitor or prospective competitor of the Debtors and the information requested may impair the Debtors' business in any material way, no information will be disclosed unless the Court orders such disclosure after notice and a hearing. The determination that a Requesting Creditor is a competitor or prospective creditor is reviewable by the Court.

17. If the Committee denies the Information Request, then the Requesting Creditor must make a good-faith effort to meet and confer with an authorized representative of

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the Committee on a non-confidential basis from a source which is not bound by a confidentiality agreement with the Debtors or any other contractual, fiduciary, or other legal obligation of confidentiality to the Debtors.

the Committee regarding the Information Request. If no consensual resolution is reached through such efforts, then the Requesting Creditor may file a motion to compel disclosure for cause, which must be served, and will be heard, in accordance with the rules of the Court and the Order Establishing Certain Notice, Case Management and Administrative Procedures [Docket No. 1386] (the “**Case Management Order**”). The hearing on such motion shall be noticed and scheduled by the Court.

18. To the extent an order of the Court provides that the Committee is required to provide or disclose Confidential Material, the Committee shall require any Requesting Creditor to enter into a confidentiality agreement reasonably acceptable to the Debtors and the Committee (a “**Creditor Confidentiality Agreement**”), and if applicable, the requesting Creditor shall enter into trading restrictions with respect to such Confidential Material and represent that such trading restrictions and any information-screening process complies with applicable securities laws and will reasonably protect the confidentiality of such information; provided, however, that the Committee shall have no responsibility for the Requesting Creditor’s compliance with, or liability for violation of, applicable securities or other laws.

19. Nothing herein shall preclude the Requesting Creditor from requesting (i) the Court to conduct an *in camera* review of the Information Request or (ii) the Committee to prepare a log or other index of information the Requesting Creditor believes is responsive to the Information Request, but which the Committee believes to be Confidential Material. In addition, nothing herein shall preclude the Committee from objecting to such requests.

20. The Committee shall not have or incur any liability to any entity (including the Debtors) for acts taken or omitted as long as the Committee has acted in compliance with the Information Sharing Procedures set forth herein and with the by-laws of the

Committee. However, the foregoing shall not preclude or curtail the right of any general unsecured creditor or any entity to move the Court for an order requiring the production of other or further information, to the extent available.

**BASIS FOR RELIEF REQUESTED**

21. Section 105(a) of the Bankruptcy Code empowers the Court to “issue any order . . . that is necessary or appropriate to carry out the provisions of this title.” The Committee submits the requested relief is necessary for the Committee to fulfill its obligations as set forth under section 1102(b)(3) of the Bankruptcy Code.

22. The Bankruptcy Code requires a creditors’ committee “to provide access to information,” but does not establish guidelines for appropriate methods to provide such access or the type, kind and extent of the information to be provided to its constituency. See In re Refco Inc., 336 B.R. 187, 190 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 2006) (“BAPCPA does not define the ‘information’ that section 1102(b)(3)(A) requires an official creditors’ committee to make available to its constituency . . . or state how it is to be delivered, . . . but its language permits a broad construction.”). The legislative history of section 1102(b)(3) likewise fails to describe, limit or provide any interpretive guidance. See H.R. Rep. No. 109-31, at 87 (2005) (stating only that “[s]ection 405(b) requires the committee to give creditors having claims of the kind represented by the committee access to information”). With no definition of the term “information” or guidance on the mechanisms for providing access to such information, this mandate has the potential to be interpreted as requiring the Committee to provide access to all information provided to it by the Debtors or developed through the Committee’s exercise of its investigative function, regardless of whether the information is confidential, privileged, proprietary or material non-public information. It could also be interpreted to require that the Committee provide such

information to all creditors regardless of the cost to the estate or whether a creditor has expressed an interest in receiving information.

23. The Committee respectfully submits that the statute cannot appropriately be interpreted in such a manner that would require the unprotected disclosure of Confidential Material and, accordingly, seeks approval of the Information Procedures as a means of satisfying the information provision requirements of section 1102(b)(3) of the Bankruptcy Code. See In re Refco, Inc., 336 B.R., at 197 (explaining that “[m]aintaining the parties’ reasonable expectations of confidentiality . . . is often critical to a committee’s performance of its oversight and negotiation functions, compliance with applicable securities laws, and the proper exercise of committee members’ fiduciary duties” and “[m]aintaining confidentiality against unsecured creditors generally may be necessary to preserve the attorney-client privilege”). If Congress had intended for section 1102(b)(3) of the Bankruptcy Code to require a creditors’ committee to provide creditors with unrestricted access to all information that a creditors’ committee receives from a debtor, the provision would frustrate several other provisions of the Bankruptcy Code, including a creditors’ committee’s authority under section 1103(c) of the Bankruptcy Code to investigate the debtor and to act as a fiduciary for its constituents.

24. Accordingly, the relief requested by the Motion is “necessary and appropriate” to enable the Committee to fulfill its statutory duties. First, given the lack of guidance as to the interpretation of section 1102(b)(3) of the Bankruptcy Code, the Committee, absent the relief sought herein, could be accused of being in breach of its fiduciary obligations. Second, absent clarification by the Court, the Debtors would almost certainly be hesitant or unwilling to share confidential and sensitive information – precisely the information the Committee requires and typically receives to carry out its fiduciary obligations – for fear that the

shared information may be disseminated to the public, including competitors and interested buyers, thereby frustrating the Committee's efforts to fulfill its statutory obligations. Lastly, requiring dissemination of such information to all creditors in a case of this size may undermine the Committee's efforts to maximize recoveries to its constituents given the attendant cost of such efforts. Thus, the Court should approve the Information Sharing Procedures and enter the Order pursuant to section 105(a) of the Bankruptcy Code.

25. In addition, because the cost associated with soliciting and receiving comments from general unsecured creditors will ultimately be borne by the Debtors' estates, the means for soliciting and receiving such comments must be tailored to reflect the circumstances of these bankruptcy cases. The Committee submits that its proposal – to invite general unsecured creditors to comment on matters related to these bankruptcy proceedings via the “Submit an Inquiry” functionality of the Committee Website – provides a cost-effective and efficient method for the Committee to satisfy its obligation under section 1102(b)(3)(B) of the Bankruptcy Code.

26. The requested relief will allow the Committee to satisfy its statutory obligations to provide access to information, solicit and receive comments as well as respond to the information requests from general unsecured creditors. In addition, the proposed Information Sharing Procedures will ensure that other confidential, privileged, proprietary, and/or material non-public information is not disseminated to the detriment of the Debtors' estates. Moreover, it will assist the Committee in performing its statutory function and create a cost-effective and efficient process and procedure for compliance with section 1102(b)(3) of the Bankruptcy Code.

27. The relief requested herein is similar to relief previously granted by courts in this district, including this Court, in other chapter 11 cases. See, e.g., In re General Maritime

Corp., No. 11-15285 (MG) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Mar. 12, 2012); In re Borders Group, Inc., No. 11-10614 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Apr. 7, 2011); In re The Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company, Inc., Case No. 10-24549, (RDD) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Feb. 7, 2011); In re Mesa Air Group, Inc., No. 10-10018 (MG) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Feb. 25, 2010); In re Metaldyne Corp., No. 09-13412 (MG) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. July 20, 2009); In re Old Carco LLC (f/k/a Chrysler LLC), No. 09-50002 (AJC) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. July 16, 2009); In re Chemtura Corp., No. 09-11233 (REG) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. July 7, 2009); In re Refco Inc., No. 05-60006 (RDD) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Jan. 20, 2006).

28. Accordingly, the Committee respectfully requests that the Court grant the relief requested herein to, among other things, (a) clarify the Committee's requirement to provide access to Confidential Material on the terms set forth in the Motion and the proposed Order and find the Committee to be in compliance with section 1102(b)(3) of the Bankruptcy Code by establishing the Information Procedures.

#### **NOTICE**

29. In accordance with the Case Management Order, notice of this Motion has been given to all parties listed on the Service List (as defined in the Case Management Order). Because of the nature of the relief requested, the Committee submits that such notice is sufficient and that no further notice of the relief requested in the Motion need be provided.

#### **NO PRIOR REQUEST**

30. No prior request for the relief sought in this Motion has been made to this or any other Court in connection with these chapter 11 cases.

WHEREFORE, the Committee respectfully requests that the Court: (i) grant the relief requested by the Motion; (ii) enter an Order, substantially in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, and (iii) grant the Committee such other and further relief as the Court deems proper.

Dated: October 18, 2012  
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**EXHIBIT A**

**Proposed Order**



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**ORDER APPROVING MOTION OF THE OFFICIAL COMMITTEE OF  
UNSECURED CREDITORS TO (I) ESTABLISH INFORMATION  
SHARING PROCEDURES AND (II) GRANT RELATED RELIEF**

**Related Docket No. \_\_**

Upon consideration of the motion (the “**Motion**”),<sup>1</sup> of the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (the “**Committee**”) to (i) establish Information Sharing Procedures and (ii) grant related relief; and due and proper notice of the Motion having been provided; and the Court having reviewed the Motion and there being no opposition to the requested relief; and the Court having determined that the legal and factual bases set forth in the Motion establish just cause for the relief granted herein; 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 1409; and due and proper notice of the Motion having been given, and no other or further notice need be provided; and the Court having found and determined that the relief sought in the Motion is in the best interests of the Debtors’ estates, and that the legal and factual bases set

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<sup>1</sup> Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the meaning ascribed to them in the Motion.

forth in the Motion establish just cause for the relief granted herein; and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefor:

**IT IS HEREBY FOUND ORDERED THAT:**

1. The Motion is hereby granted to the extent provided herein.

2. The Information Sharing Procedures for the Committee's dissemination of information and compliance with the requirements set forth in section 1102(b) of the Bankruptcy Code are hereby approved.

3. In full satisfaction of the Committee's obligations to provide general unsecured creditors with access to information pursuant to Bankruptcy Code section 1102(b)(3)(A) and (B), the Committee is authorized, until the earliest to occur of: dissolution of the Committee, dismissal or conversion of these Chapter 11 Cases, or a further order of this Court, to establish and maintain the following Information Sharing Procedures, if necessary and appropriate:

- a) Establish and maintain the Committee Website at <http://www.patriotcoalcommittee.com> that provides, without limitation:
  - i. General information regarding the Chapter 11 Cases;
  - ii. A general overview of the chapter 11 process;
  - iii. Contact information for the Debtors (and any information hotlines that they establish), the Debtors' counsel and the Committee's counsel;
  - iv. The date by which unsecured creditors must file their proofs of claim;
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  - x. 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
  - xi. Maintain an electronic inquiry form for creditors to submit questions and comments.
- b) Respond to creditor inquiries via telephone, letter, email, facsimile or otherwise, as appropriate, and related services; and
  - c) Coordinate with the Debtors to provide a link to the Committee website on the Debtors' public website hosted by Garden City Group, Inc.

4. In addition to the Committee Website, if a general unsecured creditor (the "**Requesting Creditor**") makes a written request to the Committee by email or otherwise (the "**Information Request**") seeking the disclosure of additional information, the Committee will, within fifteen (15) calendar days of receiving the Information Request, respond to the Requesting Creditor through the means deemed most reasonable under the circumstances, either providing access to the information requested (or stating that the Committee will do so) or the reasons for the Committee being unable to comply with the Information Request.

5. The Committee shall not be required to provide or disclose to its non-member constituents, without further order of the Court: (i) information or documents generated by the Committee, or by any of the Committee's professionals, or by any Committee member or counsel to any Committee member for the use of the Committee (collectively, "**Privileged Information**") and communications among Committee members in their capacity as such and communications among Committee professionals and the Committee, including information regarding specific positions taken by Committee members (collectively, "**Committee**");

**Communications**,” and together with Privileged Information, **“Confidential Committee Material”**); (ii) any other information covered by an applicable confidentiality agreement with the Committee (including its members or professionals), including, without limitation, the Confidentiality Agreement and any other confidentiality agreement with the Debtors; (iii) any other information whose disclosure would constitute a breach or violation under any agreement or contract to which the Committee (including its members or professionals) are parties, including, without limitation, the Confidentiality Agreement and any other confidentiality agreement with the Debtors; or (iv) any other information the disclosure of which would constitute a waiver of any applicable privilege, including, without limitation, attorney-client privilege and work-product privilege ((i), (ii), (iii) and (iv), collectively, **“Confidential Material”**).<sup>2</sup>

6. The Committee shall not be required or authorized to provide or disclose to any third party or its non-member constituents any Debtor Confidential Material.

7. Any information received (formally or informally) by the Committee from any entity in connection with an examination pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 2004 or in connection with any formal or informal discovery in any contested matter, adversary proceeding, or other litigation shall not be governed by the terms of this proposed Order but, rather, by any order or agreement governing such discovery.

8. Any information received by the United Mine Workers of America, in its

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<sup>2</sup> For the avoidance of doubt, Confidential Material shall not include any information or portions of information that are or become generally available to the public, or are or become available to any member of the Committee on a non-confidential basis, but in any such case, only to the extent such information became available to the applicable parties' knowledge without violation of a contractual, legal, or fiduciary obligation to the Debtors or any of their respective affiliates or representatives of which such parties are aware. Confidential information shall also not include information that was, to the applicable parties' knowledge, in the possession of, obtained by, or available to the Committee on a non-confidential basis from a source which is not bound by a confidentiality agreement with the Debtors or any other contractual, fiduciary, or other legal obligation of confidentiality to the Debtors.

capacity as a representative under 11 U.S.C. §§ 1113 or 1114, shall not be governed by the terms of this Order but, rather, by the *Stipulated Protective Order under 11 U.S.C. §§ 1113(d)(3) and 1114(k)(3)* [Docket No. 1040].

9. Without further order of the Court, the Committee shall not be required to provide access to information to any entity that has not demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Committee that it holds claims of the kind described in section 1102(b)(3) of the Bankruptcy Code, nor shall the Committee be required to satisfy an Information Request, which, in its judgment, is unduly burdensome.

10. If the Requesting Creditor is a competitor or prospective competitor of the Debtors and the information requested may impair the Debtors' business in any material way, no information will be disclosed unless the Court orders such disclosure after notice and a hearing. The determination that a Requesting Creditor is a competitor or prospective creditor is reviewable by the Court.

11. If the Committee denies the Information Request, then the Requesting Creditor must make a good-faith effort to meet and confer with an authorized representative of the Committee regarding the Information Request. If no consensual resolution is reached through such efforts, then the Requesting Creditor may file a motion to compel disclosure for cause, which must be served, and will be heard, in accordance with the rules of the Court and the Case Management Order, as it may be amended from time to time. The hearing on such motion shall be noticed and scheduled by the Court.

12. To the extent an order of the Court provides that the Committee is required to provide or disclose Confidential Material, the Committee shall require any Requesting Creditor to enter into a confidentiality agreement reasonably acceptable to the

Debtors and the Committee (a “**Creditor Confidentiality Agreement**”), and the Requesting Creditor shall enter into trading restrictions with respect to such Confidential Material and represent that such trading restrictions and any information-screening process complies with applicable securities laws and will reasonably protect the confidentiality of such information; provided, however, that the Committee shall have no responsibility for the Requesting Creditor’s compliance with, or liability for violation of, applicable securities or other laws.

13. Nothing herein shall preclude the Requesting Creditor from requesting (i) the Court to conduct an *in camera* review of the Information Request, or (ii) the Committee to prepare a log or other index of information the Requesting Creditor believes is responsive to the Information Request, but which the Committee believes to be Confidential Material. In addition, nothing herein shall preclude the Committee from objecting to such requests.

14. The Committee shall not have or incur any liability to any entity (including the Debtors) for acts taken or omitted as long as the Committee has acted in compliance with the Information Sharing Procedures set forth herein and with any by-laws adopted by the Committee. However, the foregoing shall not preclude or curtail the right of any general unsecured creditor or any entity to move the Court for an order requiring the production of other or further information, to the extent available.

15. Nothing in this Order shall diminish or otherwise modify the obligations of the Committee or its members under the Committee’s by-laws or the Confidentiality Agreement.

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

17. The terms and conditions of this Order shall be immediately effective and

enforceable upon its entry.

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

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

Dated: New York, New York  
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HONORABLE SHELLEY C. CHAPMAN  
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE