UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI EASTERN DIVISION

In re:

PATRIOT COAL CORPORATION, et al.,

Debtors.

Chapter 11

Case No.: 12-51502-659 (KSS)

Jointly Administered

VERIFIED STATEMENT OF THOMAS PERSINGER PLLC PURSUANT TO RULE 2019 OF THE FEDERAL RULES OF BANKRUPTCY PROCEDURE

Thomas Persinger, of THOMAS PERSINGER PLLC, a West Virginia professional

limited liability company (the "Firm"), respectfully files this verified statement pursuant to

Rule 2019 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "Verified Statement") on behalf

of the Firm, and represents as follows:

- 1. I am the sole member of the Firm.
- 2. The Firm is counsel to the following parties (each a "Party" and collectively,

the "Parties") in these Chapter 11 cases:

- Southern Land Company Limited Partnership 300 Capitol Street, Suite 1401 Charleston, WV 25301
- (ii) Dickinson Properties Limited Partnership 300 Capitol Street, Suite 1401 Charleston, WV 25301
- (iii) Chesapeake Mining Company 300 Capitol Street, Suite 1401 Charleston, WV 25301

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- (iv) The Imperial Coal Company 300 Capitol Street, Suite 1401 Charleston, WV 25301
- (v) Quincy Center, a partnership 300 Capitol Street, Suite 1401 Charleston, WV 25301
- (vi) Quincy Coal Company 300 Capitol Street, Suite 1401 Charleston, WV 25301
- (vii) Branch Banking & Trust Company Successor Trustee of the C. C. Dickinson Testamentary Trust Attn: Joseph A. Freedman Senior Vice President 300 Summers Street Charleston, WV 25301, and Nelle Ratrie Chilton Successor Trustee of the C. C. Dickinson Testamentary Trust P. O. Box 311 Charleston, WV 25321-0311, and Charles C. Dickinson, III, Successor Trustee of the C. C. Dickinson Testamentary Trust P. O. Box 311 Charleston, WV 25321-0311
- (viii) Horse Creek Land & Mining Company 300 Capitol Street, Suite 1503 Charleston, WV 25301
- (ix) Payne-Gallatin Company 300 Capitol Street, Suite 1503 Charleston, WV 25301
- 3. The Parties represented by the Firm are lessors of nonresidential real property to

certain of the Debtors as lessees.

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4. Each of the leases between the Parties and the respective Debtors has been assumed, with the exception of the lease between Payne-Gallatin Company ("PG"), as lessor, and Debtor Panther LLC, as lessee, dated October 15, 1976 (the "Lease"). PG's objection [ECF 2056] to Debtor Panther LLC's motion to assume the Lease [ECF 1995] is pending before the Court, and a hearing thereon is scheduled before the Honorable Kathy Surratt-States, Judge of the United States Bankruptcy Court, Eastern District of Missouri, Eastern Division, on Tuesday, May 21, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. (Prevailing Central Time).

5. I am not presently aware of any claims against or interest in the Debtors held by the Firm.

6. The pertinent facts and circumstances in connection with the Firm's employment as counsel in these Chapter 11 Cases are that each Party separately requested the Firm to serve as its counsel in connection with these Chapter 11 cases. Each Party is aware of and has consented to the Firm's simultaneous representation of each other Party in these Chapter 11 Cases.

7. The Firm may undertake additional representation of other parties in interest in these Chapter 11 cases, and the Firm respectfully reserves the right to supplement this Verified Statement as appropriate.

I, Thomas Persinger, declare under penalty of perjury that I have read the foregoing statement and that it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on May 16, 2013, a true and correct copy of the foregoing <u>Verified</u> <u>Statement of Thomas Persinger PLLC Pursuant To Rule 2019 Of The Federal Rules Of</u> <u>Bankruptcy Procedure</u> was served by (i) the Electronic Case Filing system for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Missouri, St. Louis Division, on those parties consenting to such service in these cases, and (ii) by United States mail, first class postage prepaid, on the counsel and/or parties listed below:

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