

**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

(Jointly Administered)

Re: Docket No. 4460

Hearing Date:

August 20, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.¹

**STATEMENT OF THE OFFICIAL COMMITTEE OF UNSECURED
CREDITORS IN SUPPORT OF THE MOTION OF THE DEBTORS FOR ENTRY OF
AN ORDER PURSUANT TO 11 U.S.C. §§ 363(b), 1113, 1114(e) AND 105(a) AND
FED. R. BANKR. P. 9019(a) AUTHORIZING ENTRY INTO NEW COLLECTIVE
BARGAINING AGREEMENTS AND MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH
THE UNITED MINE WORKERS OF AMERICA (“MOTION”)**

The Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (the “Committee”),² by and through its undersigned counsel, supports the relief requested in the Motion, subject to the reservation of rights of the Committee and all unsecured creditors with respect to any issues that may arise in connection with confirmation of a plan of reorganization.

¹ Debtors have filed a Motion to Expedite Debtors’ Motion for Entry of an Order Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §§ 363(b), 1113, 1114(e) and 105(a) and Fed. R. Bankr. P. 9019(a) Authorizing Entry into New Collective Bargaining Agreements and Memorandum of understanding with the United Mine Workers of America, ECF No. 4454, which remains pending.

²Committee member United Mine Workers of America has filed a pleading supporting the Motion. Each Committee member is, of course, free to express its own view on the Motion. The Committee authorized the filing of this statement by vote of the requisite majority of Committee members.

Dated: August 16, 2013

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the foregoing *Statement of the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors in Support of the Motion of the Debtors for Entry of an Order Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §§ 363(b), 1113, 1114(e) and 105(a) and Fed. R. Bankr. P. 9019(a) Authorizing Entry into New Collective Bargaining Agreements and Memorandum of Understanding with the United Mine Workers of America* was filed on August 16, 2013 using the Court's CM/ECF system, which sent a copy to all parties receiving electronic notices in this case.

 /s/ Gregory D. Willard
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