### 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)

## STIPULATION BETWEEN DEBTOR APOGEE COAL COMPANY, LLC AND CLAIMANTS KENNETH BEVINS AND VICTORIA BEVINS MODIFYING AUTOMATIC STAY

Debtor Apogee Coal Company, LLC ("**Apogee**" or "**Debtor**") respectfully represent:

## **Background and Jurisdiction**

1. On July 9, 2012 (the "**Petition Date**"), Debtor commenced a voluntary case under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "**Bankruptcy Code**"). The Debtor is authorized to operate their businesses and manage their properties as debtors in possession pursuant to sections 1107(a) and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code. The Debtor's case (the "**Chapter 11 Case**") is being administered, jointly with the cases of the other Debtors,<sup>1</sup> pursuant to Rule 1015(b) of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "**Bankruptcy Rules**") and the Court's Joint Administration Order entered on July 10, 2012 [ECF No. 30].

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Debtors are the entities listed on Schedule 1 attached hereto. The employer tax identification numbers and addresses for each of the Debtors are set forth in the Debtors' chapter 11 petitions.

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2. Additional information about the Debtors' businesses and the events leading up to the Petition Date can be found in the Declaration of Mark N. Schroeder, Patriot Coal Corporation's Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, filed on July 9, 2012 [ECF No. 4], which is incorporated herein by reference.

The Court has subject matter jurisdiction to consider this matter pursuant
to 28 U.S.C. § 1334. Venue is proper before this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C.
§§ 1408 and 1409. This is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b) and may be
determined by the Bankruptcy Court.

#### **Movants' State Court Action**

4. On April 12, 2013, Movants Kenneth Bevins and Victoria Bevins (the "**Movants**") filed a complaint in the Kanawha County Court against Debtor alleging that Kenneth Bevins sustained serious injuries while working as a rock truck driver for Debtor (the "**State Court Action**"). (Mot. ¶ 3.) The case was assigned docket number 13-C-708 by the Kanawha County Court.

5. On the Petition Date, 11 U.S.C. § 362(a) (the "**Automatic Stay**") automatically stayed any act to obtain possession of property of the estate or of property from the estate.

6. On June 4, 2013, Movants filed a motion (the "**Motion to Lift Stay**") seeking a modification of and/or relief from the Automatic Stay in these chapter 11 cases.

7. Pursuant to this stipulation, Debtor agrees that the State Court Action may proceed, and that the Chapter 11 Case does not prevent Movants from pursuing claims for the injuries alleged in the State Court Action, or Debtor from defending itself against such claims.

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8. Movants agree that the Automatic Stay prohibits Movants from attempting to enforce against the Debtor any settlement or judgment that they may obtain in the State Court Action unless and until the Automatic Stay is lifted pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 362(c) or by order of the Court.

9. The parties to the Stipulation have agreed to modify the Automatic Stay solely on the terms and conditions set forth herein.

It is hereby stipulated and agreed by and among the parties to this Stipulation, as follows:

11. The Automatic Stay is hereby modified solely to the limited extent necessary to enable the State Court Action to proceed to settlement or final judgment.

12. It is expressly understood by the Movants that (i) the automatic stay is hereby modified solely with respect to the specific State Court Action identified herein, (ii) the Claimant may not seek to enforce any settlement or judgment obtained in the State Court Action unless and until the Automatic Stay is lifted pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 362(c) or by order of this Court, and (iii) the automatic stay is not modified for the purposes of allowing Movants to recover any costs of defending the Action, including attorneys' fees, during the pendency of the Automatic Stay.

13. The Motion is hereby deemed to be withdrawn without further order of Court.

14. The agreement by the Debtors to the modification of the Automatic Stay on the terms and conditions set forth herein shall not be deemed an agreement by the Debtors to provide assistance to or to cooperate with the Movants in any way in the efforts of the Movants to prosecute the State Court Action.

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15. Nothing contained herein shall be deemed an admission of liability or otherwise on the part of the Debtors with respect to the State Court Action.

16. The modification of the Automatic Stay as set forth herein shall have no effect as to parties that are not a party to this Stipulation, and the Automatic Stay shall remain in full force and effect with respect to such parties and their claims or causes of action, if any, against the Debtors and their estates.

17. Neither this Stipulation, nor any terms contained herein shall be offered or received in evidence or in any way referred to in any legal action or administrative proceeding among or between the parties hereto, other than as may be necessary: (a) to obtain approval of and to enforce this Stipulation, (b) to seek damages or injunctive relief in connection therewith, or (c) to prove that the Automatic Stay has been modified to allow prosecution of the State Court Action in accordance with the terms hereof.

18. This Stipulation may be signed in counterpart originals and delivered by facsimile, which, when fully executed, shall constitute a single original.

19. This Stipulation constitutes the entire agreement and understanding of the parties regarding the Stipulation and the subject matter thereof. The terms set forth in this Stipulation are part of a comprehensive compromise and each element is an integral aspect of the agreed settlement and is non-severable.

20. Each of the undersigned counsel represents that he/she is authorized to execute this Stipulation on behalf of his/her respective client.

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21. This Stipulation is effective upon submission to the Court without further

order of Court and shall not be modified, altered, amended or vacated without written

consent of all parties hereto, subject to Court approval.

KATHY A. SURRATT-STATES Chief United States Bankruptcy Judge

DATED: September 16, 2013 St. Louis, Missouri j<sup>jh</sup> Dated: August 13, 2013

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#### SCHEDULE 1

#### (Debtor Entities)

- 1. 1 Affinity Mining Company
- 2. 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, L.L.C.
- 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
- 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, L.P.
- 67. Patriot Coal Corporation
- 68. Patriot Coal Sales LLC
- 69. Patriot Coal Services LLC
- 70. Patriot Leasing Company LLC
- 71. Patriot Midwest Holdings, LLC
- 72. Patriot Reserve Holdings, LLC
- 73. Patriot Trading LLC
- 74. PCX Enterprises, Inc.
- 75. Pine Ridge Coal Company, LLC
- 76. Pond Creek Land Resources, LLC
- 77. Pond Fork Processing LLC
- 78. Remington Holdings LLC
- 79. Remington II LLC
- 80. Remington LLC
- 81. Rivers Edge Mining, Inc.
- 82. Robin Land Company, LLC
- 83. Sentry Mining, LLC
- 84. Snowberry Land Company
- 85. Speed Mining LLC
- 86. Sterling Smokeless Coal Company, LLC
- 87. TC Sales Company, LLC
- 88. The Presidents Energy Company LLC
- 89. Thunderhill Coal LLC
- 90. Trout Coal Holdings, LLC
- 91. Union County Coal Co., LLC
- 92. Viper LLC

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- 93. Weatherby Processing LLC
- 94. Wildcat Energy LLC
- 95. Wildcat, LLC
- 96. Will Scarlet Properties LLC

Yankeetown Dock, LLC

Winifrede Dock Limited Liability Company

97. Winchester LLC