

Judge Shelley C. Chapman

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Honorable Judge - Shelley C. Chapman

In re: Patriot Coal Corporation, Case No. 12-12900 (SCC)

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Honorable Judge Chapman currently I am employed as Director Engineering Processes of Patriot Coal and have 38 years with the company. I am retiring September 15th, with a total of 110 days of Peabody legacy deferred vacation days accrued, in the amount of \$42,357.70.

It was not always my intent to bank these days but because of the miners' normal vacation period, most of us were required to work to get projects completed, installing new conveyor systems, roads, coal load outs, etc. when the mines were idled.

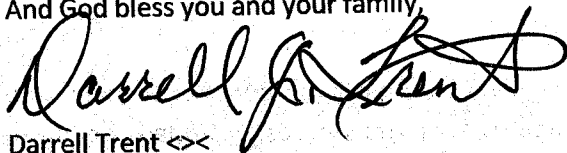
So now that we have deprived our families of our time with them, Patriot has refused to pay us for these days of wages.

At the time that these days were being banked we were paying for health care premiums, so we should have had health care for the 110 days, so now we do not have that. We were also contributing to the 401K and Peabody was doing a 6% match, so we do not get that either.

I have given them 38 years of service, and now they have the right not to pay back wages, I just cannot see that this is in any way fair to their older employees.

Thank you, for your service to this great country.

And God bless you and your family,



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