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Re: In re Patriot Coal Corporation, Bankr. E.D. Mo. (Surratt-States)

Via Email

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Dear John:

As you know, we represent the Debtors in the above-referenced bankruptcy cases. We are in receipt of your letter dated December 6, 2012 in which you advance to the Debtors more than 30 document requests (including sub-parts) and seven "requests for information" on behalf of the Funds (the "Informal Discovery Requests"). The Informal Discovery Requests are exceedingly broad and seek materials (including emails) dating back more than a decade on a wide variety of topics. While the Debtors respect the role of the Funds as a party-in-interest in these bankruptcy cases, the Debtors do not consider the Informal Discovery Requests to be a good-faith attempt to seek relevant information from the Debtors.

First, we do not share your view of the Funds' role in the 1113/1114 process. While you write that "one or more of the Funds may participate in the negotiations and/or litigation under Sections 1113 and 1114," that remains to be seen. As you have previously acknowledged, the UMWA is the "authorized representative" of the UMWA members for purposes of Section 1113, and has agreed to act as the representative for UMWA retirees pursuant to Section 1114. The Funds are not the "authorized representative" for either of these purposes. At present, the Debtors are engaged in negotiations with the UMWA, not with the Funds, and there is no litigation pending. The Debtors are not delinquent in any payments owed to the Funds and are committed to paying contributions as they come due. Although the Debtors have delivered proposals to the UMWA and, at your request (and with the UMWA's permission), have shared those proposals with the Funds, the Debtors will continue to negotiate with and provide information to the UMWA members' sole "authorized representative." Indeed, counsel to the UMWA has advised us that the UMWA takes no position with respect to the Informal Discovery Requests. While the Debtors remain open to

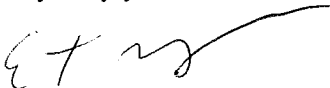
responding to discrete requests for information from the Funds that advance the negotiations that are underway, virtually none of the information sought in the Informal Discovery Requests has any relevance to these negotiations.

Second, the Informal Discovery Requests are overbroad, unduly burdensome and not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. Indeed, the Informal Discovery Requests seek information on a host of topics with no apparent relevance to the Funds, and appear intended merely to harass. By way of example only, the Informal Discovery Requests encompass documents pertaining to such topics as environmental issues relating to selenium, natural gas development in the Marcellus Shale, and all notes from Patriot's investor relations department created within three months of each Patriot transaction since 2007. In fact, only one of the Informal Discovery Requests actually seeks documents relating to Patriot's participation in the UMWA Funds. Given that nothing in Section 1113 or Section 1114 requires that the Debtors share any information with the Funds, the breadth of the Informal Discovery Requests is particularly inappropriate under the circumstances.

Finally, to the extent the UMWA has asked the Funds to assist in the 1113/1114 negotiations, that is a matter between the Funds and the UMWA, and the Funds ought to seek information from the UMWA, not the Debtors.

Accordingly, the Debtors respectfully decline to produce information in response to the Funds' broad Informal Discovery Requests at this time. However, the Debtors would agree to meet with the Funds' representatives to begin a good-faith dialogue regarding any relevant information that is not already in the possession of the Funds. To be clear, the Debtors do not view the Informal Discovery Requests as a starting point for such a dialogue. Please let me know if you would like me to arrange such a meeting.

Very truly yours,



Elliot Moskowitz

cc: Marshall S. Huebner
John R. Woodrum