

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

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In re	:	Chapter 11
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PATRIOT COAL CORPORATION, <i>et al.</i> ,	:	Case No. 12-12900 (SCC)
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Debtors.	:	(Jointly Administered)
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EASTERN ROYALTY LLC <i>f/k/a</i> EASTERN ROYALTY CORP.,	:	
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Plaintiff,	:	Adv. Pro. No. 12-01786 (SCC)
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v.	:	
	:	RULE 7.1 DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
BOONE EAST DEVELOPMENT CO., PERFORMANCE COAL CO., AND NEW RIVER ENERGY CORP.,	:	
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Defendants.	:	
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Pursuant to Rule 7007.1 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure and Rule 7007.1-1 of the Local Bankruptcy Rules for the Southern District of New York, Boone East Development Co. and New River Energy Corp., by and through their undersigned counsel, state that they are each wholly-owned subsidiaries of Appalachia Coal Sales Company, Inc., which in turn is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Appalachia Holding Company, Inc.

Performance Coal Co., by and through its undersigned counsel, states that it is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Elk Run Coal Company, Inc., which in turn is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Appalachia Holding Company, Inc.

Boone East Development Co., New River Energy Corp., and Performance Coal Co., by and through their undersigned counsel, further state that Appalachia Holding Company, Inc. is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Alpha Appalachia Holdings, Inc., which in turn is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Alpha Natural Resources, Inc., a publicly held Delaware corporation.

Dated: New York, New York
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