

January 15, 2013
Shady Spring, WV 25918

Your honorable Judge Kathy A. Surrat-States:

My name is Larry R Hicks and have worked 27 1/2 years in the Coal Mines, All underground.

I have 25 1/2 years working for Eastern Associated, Peabody Coal, and Patriot Coal, under the United Mine workers of America.

In all negotiations we were promised health care for me and my family. I will be seventy years this February. My wife will be seventy years old in July.

This bankruptcy, Peabody, Patriot will leave myself and my wife in extreme financial difficulty. Our out of pocket medical expenses cannot be met if this action is approved.

I gave the Company 25 1/2 years of my life assured myself and my wife would have medical

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expenses would be taken care of for the rest of our lives. If something should happen to me, my wife would have to make the decision whether to have food on the table or medications for her health.

On my behalf consider all the widows would lose their medical expenses immediately. This hardship should not happen to them, their husbands worked long and hard to insure this would not happen to them.

If this action is approved, Peabody will have a windfall of millions of dollars, the hard working coal miner will be forced to eat or buy their medications.

After all is said and done the coal miner made Peabody Coal the company it is today.

We deserve better than this!

Case# 12-51502

Sincerely,
Larry R. Hicks Sr



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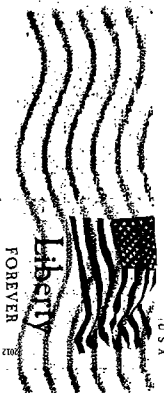
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