

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI  
EASTERN DIVISION**

In re: ) Chapter 11  
)  
PATRIOT COAL CORPORATION, et al., ) Case No. 12-51502-659  
) (Jointly Administered)  
)  
) (No Hearing)  
Debtors. )

**NOTICE OF AND STATEMENT REGARDING RECUSAL**

The United States Trustee for Region 13, Nancy J. Gargula, has voluntarily recused herself from further participation in the above-captioned cases out of an abundance of caution. Prior to the transfer of the cases to the Eastern District of Missouri, the Debtors retained Ernst & Young LLP to perform services relating to the bankruptcy cases of Patriot Coal Corporation and related debtors (the “Debtors”). The United States Trustee’s spouse is employed by Ernst & Young LLP on matters unrelated to the Debtors and unrelated to any work being conducted for the Debtors. The matter is proceeding under the direction of Paul A. Randolph, the Assistant United States Trustee for the Region 13 St. Louis Office of the U.S. Trustee.

DATED this 1<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2013.

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