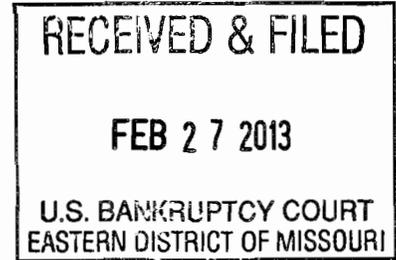


February 25, 2013



The Hon. Kathy A. Surratt-States
Thomas F. Eagleton U. S. Courthouse
111 So. 10th St. – 4th Floor
St. Louis, MO 63102

Re: Case No. 12-51502

Dear Judge Surratt-States:

I worked for Peabody Coal Company (River King U.G. #1 – Freeburg, Illinois) for 15 years. Working in an underground coal mine is a dangerous occupation. Mines are dark, dirty, dusty and muddy places to work. A miner has to constantly be aware of the dangers of machinery, roof falls, ribs and other hazards, including Methane gas, electrical exposure and lack of oxygen.

I am not eligible for lifetime medical, but I know many retired miners who depend on these benefits. I am applying for my pension around June of 2013, and even though it is not a lot of money (probably \$300 to \$400 a month), I will have to depend on this for my retirement. Peabody Coal Company promised to provide these benefits to us through Union contracts. We worked these mines, not only to provide for our families but also to make a profit for Peabody, who enjoyed millions of dollars in revenue from our efforts. If the mine had not been profitable, we would not have had jobs.

Four of my Union brothers were killed in that mine, victims of roof fall. They made the ultimate sacrifice for Peabody. Personally, I think Peabody owes the widows of these men pensions and medical as promised. When our soldiers make the ultimate sacrifice for this country, their families are taken care of. Why should Peabody be allowed to sell off its debt to Patriot Coal and leave all of us who worked and sacrificed for them out in the cold?

Thank you for your kind consideration in this matter.

Respectfully,



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