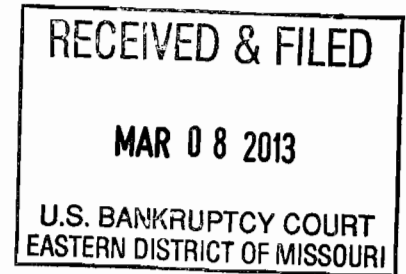


March 5, 2012

Hon. Kathy A. Surratt - States  
Re: Case No. 12-51502  
Thomas F. Eagleton U. S. Courthouse  
111 S. 10 St.  
4th Floor  
St. Louis Mo. 63102



Hon. Kathy A. Surratt - States:

I worked underground for Peabody Coal for 27 years, at the Camp 1 complex in Morganfield Ky. I like many other miners who dedicated their lives to the coal industry, now have black lung along with many other health issues.

As a husband, my American dream was to do what I'd been taught. Get a good job, work hard, and you'll become successful. I've done all that. Not only have I been a good provider for my family, I've also been a good servant for Peabody. We've all labored so hard over the years, breathing the coal & rock dust, bending our backs, crawling on our knus, jamming our necks and riding rough mining equipment that has gradually deteriorated the disc in our backs. While we've mined Peabody black gold, they've made billions & billions of dollars, while we've given our health to make a good living. Now Peabody is trying to strip that American Dream back from us. That success that we have earned, by the fruits of our labor. Please don't let Peabody or Patriot Coal take our health insurance from us.

It will be very devastating for my wife  
& I not to have any health coverage.

Enclosed are two letter heads from Patriot Cad  
I received five years ago. I believe this self-  
explanatory, how this spin-off is going to improve  
and make things better for everyone. And  
their Mission Statement of commitment. These  
papers may be of interest.

Thank You for listening

Sincerely,

Thomas W. Fowler Jr.  
Retired District 23



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October 10, 2007

Dear Peabody Retiree,

Today, Peabody Energy's board of directors approved the spin-off of Patriot Coal Corporation, a totally new company that will be traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the ticker symbol "PCX". Patriot's assets will consist of coal operations and reserves in Central Appalachia, Northern Appalachia and the Illinois Basin, and the company will be headquartered in Saint Louis, Missouri. As a retiree from the mines that are now part of our new company, I welcome you to the Patriot family, and I thank you for all of your years of hard work that have resulted in Patriot being what it is today.

I believe the creation of Patriot Coal will provide a better structure for our company to pursue effective long-term strategies and allow us to focus on our distinct business strengths and market opportunities. As a stand-alone coal company, we will be better able to compete with other companies operating in the eastern United States. I have enclosed for your use a copy of Patriot Coal's new Mission Statement, which will serve as the cornerstone of principles that will drive our actions as a new company.

You can be proud to be associated with a company that sold more than 24 million tons of coal in 2006. We also control 1.2 billion tons of proven and probable reserves, ensuring we can serve the robust needs of electricity generators and steel producers for decades to come.

I would expect that some of your immediate questions relate to your healthcare and retirement benefits. Enclosed is a note from Sara Wade, Patriot's Senior Vice President of Human Resources, which provides important information on your benefits.

This is a time of tremendous opportunity in the U.S. and global energy markets. I am extremely confident in our team of employees, both at our mining complexes and our offices, already in place to take us forward. You can expect to hear more from us in the coming weeks, as we move through the early stages of our launch as a publicly-traded company. Again, welcome to the Patriot family!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard M. Whiting". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Richard M. Whiting  
President & Chief Executive Officer  
Patriot Coal Corporation

## **PATRIOT COAL CORPORATION MISSION STATEMENT**

Patriot is a leading coal producer committed to operational and environmental excellence, customer satisfaction and long-term value creation.

Our core values are to:

- Make safety our highest priority and the cornerstone of the relationship with our employees
- Promote a high-performing organization by hiring and retaining the most qualified people and maximizing their opportunities through personal growth and development
- Engineer, build and manage our operations to enhance productivity and ensure a competitive cost structure
- Be a steward of the environment and a good neighbor in the communities where we operate
- Provide creative solutions for our customers through utilization of our diverse sourcing capabilities and innovative contracting techniques
- Honor our commitments and conduct our business with trust, respect and integrity toward customers, suppliers, employees and regulatory agencies
- Enhance shareholder value through sound decision-making and growth from development of existing resources and strategic acquisitions



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October 10, 2007

Dear Patriot Coal Employee:

We hope you are as delighted as we are about our new organization. All of us fortunate enough to be with Patriot Coal have a lot to look forward to as we enter the global energy market as a stand-alone company. We have established our objectives, our mission statement and our business goals, all focused on helping us become a leader in our industry. As Rick Whiting stated in his message, our success will be driven by you – our skilled, talented and best-in-class employees. Your enthusiasm for your work and your commitment to excellence will make Patriot Coal an employer of choice.

As with the formation of any new company, there is a certain amount of change that is to be expected. First of all, I want to assure you that your years of service will remain intact as we move to the new company. The Patriot Coal vacation schedule will mirror that of Peabody\*, and we expect our holidays to also be similar. Additionally, your pay rate and our pay dates will also remain the same as before.

With regard to your benefits, we've been working diligently over the past several months to keep change to a minimum. With very few exceptions, as an employee of Patriot Coal, **your benefits will remain the same as they are now.** The Benefit Fact Sheet on the next page specifically addresses in an easy-to-follow format each benefit plan and any changes we foresee. For example, since we are a new company, contact information such as telephone numbers for some of the benefit carriers may change. You also will be receiving new identification (ID) cards from benefit carriers.

Please take the time to read the Benefit Fact Sheet so that you can become familiar with what's changing and what's staying the same. Please be assured that we are doing everything we can to get you the information you need. As more complete information becomes available, we will continue to communicate with you.

Working as a team, I am confident we have what it takes to become a true success story. Again, welcome to the new Patriot Coal!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sara Wade".

Sara Wade  
Senior Vice President – Human Resources  
Patriot Coal Corporation

\* References to "Peabody" refer to Peabody Investments Corp. and its designated affiliates and subsidiaries.



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