

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI
EASTERN DIVISION**

In re:

PATRIOT COAL CORPORATION, *et al.*,

Debtors.

**Chapter 11
Case No. 12-51502-659
(Jointly Administered)**

Objection Deadline:
October 2, 2013 at 4:00 p.m.,
prevailing Central time

**FIRST MONTHLY STATEMENT OF
GCP LEGAL ADVISORS, LLC
FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOR THE PERIOD OF
JULY 15 – AUGUST 31, 2013**

NAME OF APPLICANT:	GCP Legal Advisors, LLC
ROLE IN THE CASE:	Special Counsel to the Debtors
DATE OF RETENTION:	July 15, 2013 [Dkt. No. 4414]
TIME PERIOD:	July 15 – August 31, 2013
CURRENT APPLICATION:	Total Fees Requested: \$23,225.00 80% of Fees Requested: \$18,580.00

1. In accordance with the *Order To Establish Procedures for Interim Monthly Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses of Professionals* [Dkt. No. 262] (the “Interim Compensation Order”), GCP Legal Advisors, LLC (“GCP Legal Advisors”), special counsel to the above-captioned debtors and debtors-in-possession (collectively, the “Debtors”), hereby submits its Initial Monthly Statement for Professional Services and Disbursements (the “Fee Statement”) for the period of July 15, 2013 through and including August 31, 2013 (the “Fee Statement Period”). This First Monthly Statement is for a period greater than thirty calendar days as required by the Interim Compensation Order requiring that the first Monthly Statement extend from the effective date of retention through the end of the first full month following such effective date.

2. Pursuant to the Interim Compensation Order, GCP Legal Advisors seeks payment of \$18, 580.00, representing (a) 80% of GCP Legal Advisor’s fees for services rendered and (b) 100% of actual and necessary expenses incurred.

3. Attached hereto as Exhibit A is a listing of GCP Legal Advisors professionals (collectively, the “GCP Legal Advisors Professionals”), including the hourly rate for each GCP Legal Advisors Professional who rendered services to the Debtors in connection with these Chapter 11 cases during the Fee Statement Period as well as the title, aggregate hours worked and the amount of fees billed by each GCP Legal Advisors Professional.

4. Attached hereto as Exhibit B is a schedule specifying the categories of actual and necessary expenses for which GCP Legal Advisors is seeking reimbursement and the total amount for each such expense category.

5. Attached hereto as Exhibit C is a summary of the number of hours and amounts billed by GCP Legal Advisors during the Fee Statement Period, organized by project categories.

6. Attached hereto as Exhibit D are the time records of GCP Legal Advisors, which provide a daily summary of the time spent by each GCP Legal Advisors Professional during the Fee Statement Period by project category.

Notice

7. Consistent with the procedures described in the Interim Compensation Order, the Debtors will serve this Fee Statement, by first-class U.S. mail, postage pre-paid, on (i) the Debtors, Patriot Coal Corporation, 12312 Olive Boulevard, Suite 400, St. Louis, Missouri, 63141, Attn: Jacquelyn A. Jones; (ii) the Office of the United States Trustee for the Eastern District of Missouri, 111 South 10th Street, Suite 6.353, St. Louis, MO 63102, Attn: Leonora S. Long and Paul A. Randolph; (iii) attorneys for the administrative agent for the Debtors' post-petition lenders, (a) Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP, 767 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York 10153, Attn: Marcia Goldstein and Joseph Smolinsky, and (b) Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP, 787 Seventh Avenue, New York, New York 10019, Attn: Margot B. Schonholtz and Ana Alfonso; and (iv) counsel to the official committee of unsecured creditors, Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP, 1177 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10036, Attn: Adam C. Rogoff, Esq. and Gregory G. Plotko, Esq.

Dated: St. Louis, Missouri
September 16, 2013

Respectfully submitted,

GCP LEGAL ADVISORS, LLC

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ATTORNEYS FOR THE DEBTORS

EXHIBIT A

Professionals and Rates

Partners:

Name	Admission Year	Total Hours	Rate	Amount
Richard A. Keffer	1980	92.9	\$250.00	\$23,225.00

EXHIBIT B

Expenses

Expense	Amount
None	\$0
Total	\$0

EXHIBIT C

Summary by Project Code

Project Code	Total Hours	Total Fees
Claims Administration and Objections	88.1	\$22,100.00
Assumption/Rejection of Leases and Contracts	4.5	\$1,125.00

EXHIBIT D

Time Records



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Date	Tasks Performed	Time Spent (In Hours)
15-Jul	Initial File review of Patriot Coal SEC filings, bankruptcy filings and claims filings (5.6); Meeting with Rob McWilliams and Jarod Clarrey of Alix Partners re claims administration process and status (1.2)	6.8
16-Jul	Meetings with each of Bean (.4), Rob Meade (.7), Jarrod Clarrey (.8), Jackie Jones (.3); Tel call with Eric Williams re litigation and regulatory matters (.3); review Alix Partners reports on status of claims handling (4.7)	7.2
17-Jul	Analysis of Equipment lease claims (1.2); Meeting with Clarrey, Mead, Schutzenhofer re Equipment lease matters (.9); review Fairchild International objection and analyze for costs/benefits of filing (.8); Preparation for and meeting with Clarrey re next steps, Alix Partners process, etc. (1.1); Schedule meetings with Luna and Waller to understand litigation and employee claims handling (.3)	4.3
18-Jul	Tel call with Eric Waller re litigation matters and possibility of resolving claims related to them (1.1); Prepared memo re status and recommendations of Patriot's claims administration process (1.7); Separate meetings with McWilliams and Clarrey, then Bean re status of Patriot claims administration process and recommendations for future actions (2.1); memo to Meade and Schutzenhofer re settling capital lease claims (.9)	5.8
22-Jul	Prepare action plan for processing litigation matters breaking them into prioritized categories (2.8); email to Eric Waller and Joe Bean for review and approval of litigation resolution strategy (1.2); Discuss integrating litigation action plan and overall claims administration process with Alix Partners (1.2)	5.2
23-Jul	Analyze litigation matters and followup with Eric Williams re same (1.6); meet with Jackie Jones re claims handling procedures (.3); discussion with Alix Partners CRO re overall status of case and claims handling (.6); review Alix Partners report on status of claims and next actions steps to advance claims (.4); review Omnibus objections and matters awaiting future omnibus objections (2.4)	5.3
24-Jul	Prepare for and meet with Bean, Mead, McWilliams, Clarrey re claims prioritization and processing go forward plan (1.7)	1.7
25-Jul	Preparation for and telephone conversation with Bryan Cave and Alix Partners re status of claims and objections and go forward plan for resolving open issues (1.3); review general analysis of claims and objections (.4); review Alpha, Guyan Service Co and Continental Bank filings (.5)	2.3
26-Jul	Monitor and respond to email inquiries re claims objections from internal Patriot personell (.3)	0.3

29-Jul	Draft and circulate memo to internal team leaders introducing prioritization of claims and Keffer role in claims handling (.9); Establish meeting schedules with internal team leaders on claims resolution issues, prioritization and process (.4) ; monitor and resolve objections and process questions for specific claims matters (.5)	1.8
30-Jul	Schedule claims prioritization and status update meetings with Elkins, Luna, Robinson, Bennett and Williams (.8); Prepare for and meet with Elkins and Alix Partners to determine status and next steps on real property claims outside West Virginia (1.3); Preparation for meeting with Luna re prioritization of employee claims handling (1.6): Analysis of strength of individual claim (1.1)	4.8
31-Jul	Meeting with Luna re prioritization of employee claims (.8); review real estate claims in preparation for Mark Williams meeting (.8); meet with Kathy Burlage re Employee claims detail (.7); analyze and make recommendations regarding employee claims handling (.8)	3.1
1-Aug	Preparation for and conference call with Mark Williams and Alix Partners regarding priorities for handling real estate claims (1.2); conference call with Davis Polk and Alix re administrative claim and coordinating general process with GCP Legal Advisors for claims administration (1.1)	2.3
2-Aug	Preparation for and conference call with John Eagan, Sharon Robinson, and Alix Partners re WV real property claims prioritization and status (1.4); Discussions with Bean re overall claims status and approach (.7)	2.1
5-Aug	Monitor email issues re claims handling (.3); conference call with Alix Partners and John Eagan re West Virginia real property claims (.6)	0.9
6-Aug	Respond to Mine Plan memos from Burlage and make recommendation to Bean re go forward plan on Mine Plan incentive plans (.4); Evaluate Dayton Power and Light settlement options (.2); Ebetino emails re equipment leases (.2)	0.8
9-Aug	Review Eric Waller correspondence re 2004 flood mine litigation and WVDEP claims resolution emails (.2); review Patriot bankruptcy docket (.2)	0.4
12-Aug	Preparation for and meeting with Jones re transitioning legal services from DPW to GCP and/or Bryan Cave (.4); Review Pocahontas land claims and telephone call with Ebetino and Bryan Cave re partial withdrawal of objection to lease assumptions (1.2); review and evaluate strategy for resolving Michelin Motion to Amend Proof of Claim (.2); Correspondence with Alix Partners and Drew McAlister re withdrawal form for WVDEP claims (.3); Correspondence and evaluation of claims for presentation at September Omnibus hearing (1.1)	3.2

13-Aug	Preparation for and conference call with Eric Waller, Kevin Coco, Brian Walsh and Jackie Jones re litigation claims status and strategy for resolving them (1.4); Meeting with Alix Partners re litigation claims and impact on Creditor's Committee (.4); Meeting with Bean re recommendations on litigation and overall claims strategy (.3); Analysis of Alix Partners preference proposal (.9); review Pocahontas land proposal from Eagan (1.2)	4.2
14-Aug	Preparation for and conference call re Claims Objections for September Omnibus hearing with Bryan Cave (1.4); Meeting with Bean re Preference strategy (.2); Coordinate Dayton Power claim handling with Ebetino, Bennet, etc (.4); Correspondence and strategy development with Waller re litigation preparing litigation matters for October Omnibus hearing docket (1.1); Review Michelin file re amendment to proof of claim and recomend course of action (.8)	3.9
15-Aug	Analyze work streams among Alix Partners and outside law firms to ensure efficiencies and eliminate redundances in claims handling processes (1.4); Email correspondence with creditor's counsel for Lincoln Leasing re claim (.2); Telephone calls with agent for St. Louis County re possible litigation matter (.2); Internal coordination of Michelin claims handling/assumption of contracts approach (.4); tracking responses to Mercer, Penn VA claims (.3); Review of Claims Objections analysis and status for September hearing (1.1)	4.2
19-Aug	Review underlying agreement and guaranty to determine contract rejection status and valuation for claim, internal Patriot communications re same (1.4); UMWA claims review and internal meetings (.6); Correspondence and proposed language revisions to settlement (.3); Billing issues memo to McAllister (1.1);	3.4
20-Aug	Review claims docket for progress in resolving (.2); UMWA/employee claims followup with Luna and Burlage (.5); Followup re individual claimant re handling process and status (.2); analysis of claim status and prioritization and meeting with Clarrey re same (.8); Correspondence with McGreal re particular claimant (.2) and Ebetino/Walsh re Pocahontas Land claim (.2);	2.1
21-Aug	Analysis of claim and correspondence with McCalister (.4); review docket for resolution of claims and contract assumptions/rejections (1.2); review of claim objections to be filed for the September Omnibus hearing (.6)	2.2
23-Aug	Monitor email issues re claims handling (.4); Schedule meeting with CGC re solicitation (.2); Review claims issues for September Omnibus docket (.6)	1.2

26-Aug	Analyze strength of Alpha Engineering claim and recommend course of action to Elkins (1.2); Review status of litigation claims and potential methods for resolving them (1.3); Followup re mine flood litigation status (.2); followup re WVDEP fines and penalties (.2); Motion Industries settlement correspondence (.2); Longwall Associates claim settlement approval (.3)	3.4
27-Aug	Review Complaint, Motion to Dismiss and related filings in Hobet and Catenary Coal 2004 flood mine litigation and prepare letter to plaintiff's counsel regarding companies position in case (2.4); Review claim settlement proposal and language (.3); Michelin claim settlement discussions (.2); Penn VA claim withdrawal (.2); Review trial court pleadings regarding possible filing of an objection in bankruptcy court to cases (.6)	3.7
28-Aug	Review presentation materials and participate in Patriot Bankruptcy Management Committee meeting (1.7); Emails with Bryan Cave re objections to file at October hearing (.4); Tel Hartsog re equipment lease settlement options (.2); Emails with Waller re settling litigation matters (.3); Follow up with Alix Partners re claims reporting (.3)	2.9
29-Aug	Review Alix Partners follow up memos to BMC meeting and add prioritization memo to key internal team leaders emphasizing need to prioritize based on actions required prior to filing Plan of Reorganization and identifying those matters for each team lead (1.6); Prepare for and telephone conversation with counsel for claimant, Coco, and Alix Partenrs re claim resolution (.9); Review legal contract assumption issues on Saline Water Conservation District, Barnes and Tucker, and Panther Branch (.9);	3.4
Keffer Total Time		92.9
Hourly Rate		\$ 250.00
Total Amount Due		\$ 23,225.00