

**Exhibit B**

Confirmation Hearing Notice

**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)**

**NOTICE OF ENTRY OF ORDER (I) APPROVING DISCLOSURE STATEMENT;  
(II) APPROVING SOLICITATION AND NOTICE MATERIALS; (III) APPROVING FORMS OF  
BALLOTS; (IV) ESTABLISHING SOLICITATION AND VOTING PROCEDURES;  
(V) ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR ALLOWING AND ESTIMATING CERTAIN CLAIMS  
FOR VOTING PURPOSES; (VI) SCHEDULING A CONFIRMATION HEARING AND  
(VII) ESTABLISHING NOTICE AND OBJECTION PROCEDURES**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that:

1. By order entered on \_\_\_\_\_, 2013 (the “**Approval Order**”), the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Missouri (the “**Court**”) approved the Disclosure Statement filed by Patriot Coal Corporation and its subsidiaries that are debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the “**Debtors**”) and directed the Debtors to solicit votes to accept or reject the Debtors’ Joint Plan of Reorganization Under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code (as the same may be updated, supplemented, amended and/or otherwise modified from time to time, the “**Plan**”),<sup>1</sup> annexed as Exhibit A thereto.

2. The Approval Order establishes October 30, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Central Time) as the Record Date for determining the holders of pre-chapter 11 claims entitled to vote on the Plan and establishes **4:00 p.m. (prevailing Central Time) on December 9, 2013** as the Voting Deadline for the submission of ballots to accept or reject the Plan (the “**Ballots**”).

3. Holders of claims entitled to vote on the Plan will receive electronic copies on CD-ROM of (i) the Approval Order, the Disclosure Statement, the Plan and certain exhibits thereto, (ii) this notice, (iii) if applicable, a letter from the statutory committee of unsecured creditors (the “**Creditors’ Committee**”) regarding acceptance of the Plan and (iv) a Ballot or Beneficial Ballot, as appropriate, together with a pre-addressed postage pre-paid envelope to be used by you in voting to accept or to reject the Plan. Failure to follow the instructions set forth on the Ballot or Beneficial Ballot, as applicable, may disqualify that Ballot or Beneficial Ballot and the vote represented thereby.

4. If you received electronic copies of the Disclosure Statement and the Plan and would like to receive paper copies, please visit the Debtors’ case information website (located at [www.patriotcaseinfo.com](http://www.patriotcaseinfo.com)), or contact the Debtors’ Solicitation Agent, GCG, Inc., at (877) 600-6531 or, for international callers, (336) 542-5677.

5. Holders of (i) unimpaired claims and (ii) claims or interests that will receive no distribution under the Plan are not entitled to vote on the Plan and, therefore, will receive a notice of non-voting status rather than a Ballot. If you have not received a Ballot (or you have received a Ballot in an

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<sup>1</sup> Unless otherwise defined herein, each capitalized term used herein shall have the meaning ascribed to it in the Plan.

amount you believe to be incorrect) but believe that you should be entitled to vote on the Plan (or vote in an amount different than the amount listed on your Ballot), then you must serve on the Debtors and the Creditors' Committee and file with the Bankruptcy Court a motion for an order pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 3018(a) (a "**Rule 3018(a) Motion**") temporarily allowing such claim in a different amount for purposes of voting to accept or reject the Plan on or before the later of (i) November 27, 2013 and (ii) the fourteenth (14th) day after the date of service of an objection, if any, to such claim. In accordance with Bankruptcy Rule 3018, as to any creditor filing a Rule 3018(a) Motion, such creditor's Ballot will not be counted unless temporarily allowed by the Bankruptcy Court for voting purposes after notice and a hearing. Rule 3018(a) Motions that are not timely filed and served in the manner as set forth above may not be considered.

6. The following parties will receive a copy of this Confirmation Hearing notice but will not receive a Solicitation Package, Ballot, Voting Notice, copy of the Disclosure Statement or Plan or any other similar materials or notices: (i) parties to executory contracts and unexpired leases that have not been assumed or rejected as of the Voting Record Date, who are not included in the Debtors' Schedules (other than Schedule G) and who have not timely filed a proof of claim and (ii) holders of claims against the Debtors that have not been classified in the Plan pursuant to section 1123(a)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code.

7. A hearing will be held before the Honorable Kathy A. Surratt-States, Chief United States Bankruptcy Judge, in Courtroom 7 North of the Thomas F. Eagleton United States Courthouse, 111 South Tenth Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63102, on **December 17, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. (prevailing Central Time)** or as soon thereafter as counsel may be heard (the "**Confirmation Hearing**") to consider the entry of an order confirming the Plan. The Confirmation Hearing may be continued from time to time without further notice other than a notice filed on the Court's docket or an announcement by the Debtors of the adjourned date(s) at the Confirmation Hearing or any continued hearing, and the Plan may be modified, if necessary, pursuant to section 1127 of the Bankruptcy Code, before, during or as a result of the Confirmation Hearing, without further notice to interested parties.

8. Objections, if any, to the Plan must be in writing, must conform to the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure and the Local Rules of the Bankruptcy Court and shall be filed with the Bankruptcy Court electronically in accordance with the Bankruptcy Court's *Order Establishing Certain Notice, Case Management and Administrative Procedures* entered on March 22, 2013 [ECF No. 3361] (the "**Case Management Order**") and served **so as to be actually received on or before 4:00 p.m. (prevailing Central Time) on December 10, 2013**, by (i) the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Missouri, Courtroom 7 North of the Thomas F. Eagleton United States Courthouse, 111 South Tenth Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63102, Attn: Honorable Kathy A. Surratt-States; (ii) counsel to the Debtors, Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP, 450 Lexington Avenue, New York, New York 10017, Attn: Marshall S. Huebner, Elliot Moskowitz and Brian M. Resnick; (iii) local counsel to the Debtors, Bryan Cave LLP, One Metropolitan Square, 211 N. Broadway, Suite 3600, St. Louis, Missouri, Attn: Lloyd A. Palans and Brian C. Walsh, (iv) conflicts counsel to the Debtors, Curtis, Mallet-Prevost, Colt & Mosle LLP, 101 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10178, Attn: Steven J. Reisman and Michael A. Cohen, (v) the U.S. Trustee, 111 South 10th Street, Suite 6.353, St. Louis, Missouri 63102, Attn: Leonora S. Long and Paul A. Randolph, (vi) counsel to the official committee of unsecured creditors in these cases, 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., (vii) local counsel to the official committee of unsecured creditors in these cases, Carmody MacDonald P.C., 120 South Central Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105, Attn: Gregory D. Willard and Angela L. Schisler, (viii) the Debtors' authorized claims and noticing agent, Patriot Coal Corporation, c/o GCG, Inc., P.O. Box 9898, Dublin, Ohio 43017, (ix) the attorneys for the administrative agents for the Debtors' postpetition lenders, (1) Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP, 767 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York 10153, Attn: Marcia Goldstein and Joseph Smolinsky and (2) Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP, 787 Seventh Avenue, New York, New York 10019, Attn: Margot B. Schonholtz and Ana Alfonso, (x) counsel to the Backstop Parties, Kirkland & Ellis LLP, 601 Lexington Avenue, New York, New York 10022, Attn: Stephen E. Hessler, and (xi) counsel to the United Mine Workers of America, Frederick Perillo, 1555 N River Center Drive, Suite 202, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53212.

**UNLESS AN OBJECTION IS TIMELY FILED AND SERVED AS PROVIDED HEREIN,  
IT MAY NOT BE CONSIDERED AT THE CONFIRMATION HEARING.**

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 2013  
New York, New York

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