

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

In re:

PATRIOT COAL CORPORATION, *et al.*,

Debtors.

Chapter 11

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

Related to Docket No. 4740

**ORDER GRANTING IN PART DEBTORS' OMNIBUS APPLICATION
TO EXPAND RETENTION OF PROFESSIONALS TO INCLUDE NEW DEBTORS**

On October 4, 2013, Patriot Coal Corporation and its subsidiaries that are Debtors in these jointly-administered cases (the "Debtors") filed their Omnibus Application to Expand Retention of Professionals to Include New Debtors (the "Application"). Capitalized terms not defined herein shall have the meanings set forth in the Application.

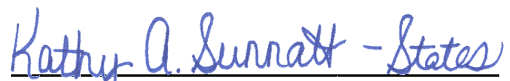
Upon consideration of the Application and the supplemental declarations filed in support of the Application, it appears that, as to the New Debtors, the Approved Firms (as defined below) and their professionals satisfy the standards governing their existing retention in these cases under Sections 327(a), 327(e), 328(a), or 363(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, as applicable, and that good and sufficient cause exists for the relief requested in the Application.

Accordingly, it is hereby ORDERED as follows:

1. As to the firms listed on Exhibit A hereto (the "Approved Firms"), the Application is GRANTED.

2. As to the firms listed on Exhibit B hereto, the Application is ADJOURNED to November 19, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. in Courtroom 7-North.

3. The employment by the Debtors of the Approved Firms is hereby expanded to encompass representation of the New Debtors, effective as of September 23, 2013.


KATHY A. SURRATT-STATES
Chief United States Bankruptcy Judge

DATED: October 25, 2013
St. Louis, Missouri
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EXHIBIT A

Approved Firms

AP Services, LLC

Bryan Cave LLP

Curtis, Mallet-Prevost, Colt & Mosle LLP

Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP

Duff & Phelps, LLC

GCP Legal Advisors, LLC

Gordon & Gordon, P.S.C.

Greenberg Traurig, LLP

Houlihan Lokey Capital, Inc.

Jackson Kelly PLLC

Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak & Stewart, P.C.

Steptoe & Johnson PLLC

Thompson Coburn LLP

EXHIBIT B

Adjourned Firms

Blackstone Advisory Partners L.P.

Bowles Rice LLP

Ernst & Young LLP

Veritas Consulting, LLC