

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

**In re:**

**PATRIOT COAL CORPORATION, *et al.*,**

**Debtors.**

**Chapter 11**

**Case No. 12-12900 (SCC)**

**(Jointly Administered)**

**DECLARATION AND DISCLOSURE STATEMENT OF DEREK C. ABBOTT,  
ON BEHALF OF MORRIS, NICHOLS, ARSHT & TUNNELL, LLP**

I, DEREK C. ABBOTT, declare and say:

1. I am a partner with Morris, Nichols, Arsht & Tunnell LLP (the “**Firm**”), which maintains an office for the practice of law at 1201 N. Market Street, Suite 1800, Wilmington, Delaware 19899. I am an attorney at law, duly admitted and in good standing to practice in the State of Delaware, as well as the United States District Court for the District of Delaware.

2. Patriot Coal Corporation and its subsidiaries that are debtors and debtors in possession in the above referenced proceedings (collectively, the “**Debtors**”) have requested that the Firm provide legal services to the Debtors, and the Firm has consented to provide those services.

3. The Firm may have performed services in the past and may perform services in the future, in matters unrelated to these chapter 11 cases, for persons that are claimants or other parties in interest in the Debtors’ chapter 11 cases. The Firm does not perform services for any such person in connection with these chapter 11 cases.

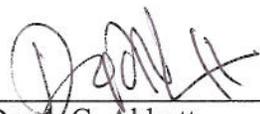
4. Neither I nor any partner or associate of the Firm, insofar as I have been able to ascertain, holds or represents any interest adverse to the Debtors or their estates with respect to the matters on which the Firm is to be employed.

5. Neither I nor any partner or associate of the Firm has agreed to share or will share any portion of the compensation to be received from the Debtors with any person other than partners and associates of the Firm.

6. The Debtors owe the Firm \$7,731.71 for prepetition services.

7. The Firm is conducting further inquiries regarding its retention by any creditors of the Debtors, and upon conclusion of that inquiry, or at any time during the period of its employment, if the Firm should discover any facts bearing on the matter described herein, the Firm will supplement the information contained in this Declaration.

8. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct, and that this Declaration was executed on December 13, 2013.

  
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Derek C. Abbott

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RETENTION QUESTIONNAIRE

TO BE COMPLETED BY PROFESSIONALS EMPLOYED BY PATRIOT COAL CORPORATION, *et al.* (the “**Debtors**”)

DO NOT FILE THIS QUESTIONNAIRE WITH THE COURT.  
RETURN IT FOR FILING BY THE DEBTORS TO:

Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP  
450 Lexington Avenue  
New York, New York 10017  
Attn: Marshall S. Huebner and Brian M. Resnick

All questions **must** be answered. Please use “none,” “not applicable,” or “N/A,” as appropriate. If more space is needed, please complete on a separate page and attach.

1. Name and address of firm:

Morris, Nichols, Arsht & Tunnell, LLP  
1201 N. Market Street, 16<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Wilmington, DE 19803

Date of retention: Retained prepetition on 9/16/08, 07/28/09, and 5/10/12.  
Retained post-petition on 12/4/13

2. Brief description of services to be provided:

Deliver legal opinions on all Delaware entities regarding valid existence, power and authority, due authorization, no violation and perfection of security interests.

Arrangements for compensation (hourly, contingent, etc.):

Hourly Rate

- (a) Range of hourly rates (if applicable): \$295 - \$760
- (b) Estimated average monthly compensation based on prepetition retention (if firm was employed prepetition):

Unknown.

3. Prepetition claims against any of the Debtors held by the firm:

Amount of claim: \$7,731.71

Date claim arose: June 26, 2012

Source of claim: Prepetition legal fees

4. Prepetition claims against any of the Debtors held individually by any of the firm's attorneys:

None.

5. Stock of any of the Debtors currently held by the firm:

None.

6. Stock of any of the Debtors currently held individually by any of the firm's attorneys:

None.

7. Disclose the nature and provide a brief description of any interest adverse to the Debtors or to their estates for the matters on which the firm is to be employed.

None.

8. Name of individual completing this form.

Derek C. Abbott