

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

In re:

PATRIOT COAL CORPORATION, *et al.*,

Debtors.¹

Chapter 11

Case No. 12-12900 (SCC)

(Jointly Administered)

**BRIDGE ORDER PENDING A HEARING ON THE
MOTION OF THE DEBTORS FOR ENTRY OF AN ORDER EXTENDING
THE DEBTORS' EXCLUSIVE PERIODS WITHIN WHICH TO FILE A
PLAN OF REORGANIZATION AND SOLICIT VOTES THEREON**

Upon consideration of the motion of the Debtors for entry of an order extending the Debtors' exclusive periods within which to file a plan of reorganization and solicit votes thereon pursuant to section 1121(d) of chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "**Exclusive Periods**") filed on October 18, 2012 [ECF No. 1398] (the "**Motion**");² which Motion was filed prior to the expiration of the Exclusive Periods; and the hearing on such Motion being adjourned from November 1, 2012 to November 8, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time) or such other time as the Court may hear the Motion; and it appearing that the relief requested is in the best interests of the Debtors' estates, their creditors, and other parties in interest until the Court has made a final determination on the Motion to preserve the rights of the parties; and it appearing that this Court has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334; and it

¹ The Debtors are the entities listed on Schedule 1 attached to the Motion. The employer tax identification numbers and addresses for each of the Debtors are set forth in the Debtors' chapter 11 petitions.

² Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Motion.

appearing that this Motion is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2); and adequate notice of the Motion and opportunity for objection having been given; and it appearing that no other notice need be given or hearing need be held to grant the limited relief provided herein; and entry of this Bridge Order being proper in light of the limited relief provided herein; and after due deliberation and sufficient cause therefore, it is

ORDERED that the Exclusive Periods are hereby extended through and including the later of November 8, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time), or such other date on which the Court enters an order ruling on the merits of the Motion (the “**Bridge Exclusivity Deadline**”); and it is further

ORDERED that this Bridge Order is without prejudice to the Debtors’ right to seek further extension of the Bridge Exclusivity Deadline; and it is further

ORDERED that the terms and conditions of this Bridge Order shall be immediately effective and enforceable upon its entry; and it is further

ORDERED that the Debtors are authorized to take all actions necessary to effectuate the relief granted pursuant to this Bridge Order in accordance with the Motion; and it is further

ORDERED that this Court retains jurisdiction with respect to all matters arising from or related to the implementation of this Bridge Order.

Dated: November 1, 2012
New York, New York

/s/Shelley C. Chapman
THE HONORABLE SHELLEY C. CHAPMAN
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE