

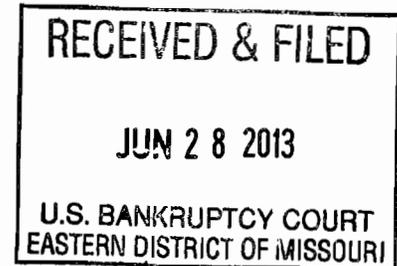
IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI
EASTERN DIVISION

In Re: PATRIOT COAL CORPORATION, *et al.*,

Case No. 12-51502-659

(Jointly Administered)

Debtor



Greetings, Your Honor.

My name is Frank Johnson and I am a current shareholder of Patriot Coal and I am writing in to file an appeal to the court in regards to the Patriot Coal Case No. 12-51502-659 and the Order denying motion for entry of an order directing the appointment of an Equity Committee Re: ECF No. 417.

Your Honor, I have heard that this motion was denied on April 23rd 2013 at 10am with comments that "The Shareholders have not shown that an official committee is necessary for their interests to be adequately represented. The Board of Directors of the Debtors have fiduciary duties to the shareholders, even in Chapter 11 cases, and the Interested Shareholders have failed to show that the Debtors' Board and Management will not adequately represent the interests of equity holders".

I would like to say that, after reading this order being denied, I had reached out to the Board of Directors since April and have received no feedback, updates, or any indication that they are looking out for the best interests of current shareholders. Being a shareholder, I have written, emailed, and called on numerous occasions and have not heard any feedback from The Board of Directors. I have also asked other shareholders to do the same. They, like me, have not heard anything back either.

I would like to point out that everyone that is involved with this case has someone to represent them in court, with exception being an Equity Committee. I believe, as a shareholder, that we deserve to have our voice heard in the court system, as well as in the process of POR (Plan of Reorganization). I would like to point out, even criminals are allowed to have their date in court. I would think it is only due process to have our day in court as well.

I would like to cite a few examples of the need of an Equity Committee, as well as what I would like to see go forward with the POR (Plan of Reorganization).

1. I would like to reference American Airlines (AMR Corporation) Case No. 11 – 15463 (SHL), filed November 29, 2011. This is currently held in United States Bankruptcy Court Sothern District of New York. This is still currently in bankruptcy process, but should be emerging out of it soon. They had opted to keep all shares intact and not wipe out all current shareholders and the stock. The Honorable Sean H. Lane is currently hearing this case.

2. I would like to reference Washington Mutual Case No. 08-12229 (MFW) filed September 26th 2008. This was held in the United States Bankruptcy Court District of Delaware. They had repeatedly

denied an Equity Committee to be formed. By the end of the Bankruptcy process, one was finally formed and was a great success for the interests of the shareholders. Before that, it was apparent that no one was looking out for the shareholders, and like Patriot Coal, they had no "voice" in the court room that was in place to protect them and their interests.

3. I would also like to reference Tronox Incorporated, Case No. 09-10156 (ALG), filed January 12th 2009. This was held in the United States Bankruptcy Court of Southern District of New York. They had a similar case where they had filed a fraud suit against another company. For Patriot Coal, they are going after Peabody as they believe that Peabody had purposely passed on huge liabilities to Patriot Coal and knew it would eventually fail. With Tronox, the court agreed, and they were able to show and prove the fraud and was able to seek damages. In the end, Tronox did not keep the stock intact, however, they did issue new shares to existing holders in the new company.

Your Honor, I write to you as a regular hard working American that just wants their voice heard as a shareholder of this great company. I'm only asking that my life savings in this company does not simply get wiped away and I get left with nothing. If they are not able to keep shares intact at the end of the process, I would like to at least be given shares in the new company for the shares I currently own right now.

As of right now, I see that Patriot Coal, who had positive \$500 million equity at the start of the bankruptcy process, is now almost negative \$400 million in equity. I know this cannot be the result of the Union. I understand that management and others were awarded bonuses in the millions recently. The reason given was to keep management in place and so Patriot Coal can keep business running. However, how can management be rewarded if they have almost gone through \$1 Billion in almost a year? They haven't come close to any profits, or shown increase in production. It appears they have slowed down greatly in order to paint a horrible picture of the company. If no one is appointed to protect the shareholders, then what future does any shareholder have?

I plead to you, as a hard working American, to let us have our day in court and be able to proceed with a formation of an Equity Committee.

I thank you for your time, Your Honor.

Kind Regards,



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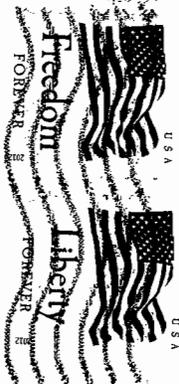
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