

**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. 4564


**ORDER GRANTING THIRD SUPPLEMENTAL EMPLOYMENT APPLICATION OF  
THE DEBTORS FOR AUTHORITY TO EXPAND THE SCOPE OF EMPLOYMENT  
AND RETENTION OF ERNST & YOUNG LLP AS INDEPENDENT AUDITOR FOR  
THE DEBTORS *NUNC PRO TUNC* TO AUGUST 14, 2013**

On August 29, 2013, Patriot Coal Corporation and its subsidiaries that are Debtors in these jointly-administered cases (the “Debtors”) filed their Third Supplemental Employment Application for Authority to Expand the Scope of Employment and Retention of Ernst & Young LLP as Independent Auditor for the Debtors *Nunc Pro Tunc* to August 14, 2013 (the “Application”). Capitalized terms not defined herein shall have the meanings set forth in the Application.

Upon consideration of the Application and the Third Supplemental Declaration in Support of Employment and Retention of Ernst & Young LLP of Michael W. Hickenbotham filed with the Application, it appears that Ernst & Young LLP and its professionals are “disinterested,” as such term is defined in Section 101(14) of the Bankruptcy Code, as modified by Section 1107(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, and, as required by Section 327(a) and referenced by Section 328(c) of the Bankruptcy Code, neither hold nor represent any interest adverse to the Debtors or their estates; and that good and sufficient cause exists for the relief requested in the Application.

Accordingly, it is hereby ORDERED as follows:

1. The Application is GRANTED.
2. The Debtors are authorized to expand the employment of Ernst & Young LLP as independent auditor to the Debtors pursuant to Section 327(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, effective as of August 14, 2013, on the terms set forth in the Application and supporting papers.

  
KATHY A. SURRATT-STATES  
Chief United States Bankruptcy Judge

DATED: October 22, 2013  
St. Louis, Missouri  
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