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

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In re	: Chapter 11
	: Case No. 12-12900 (SCC)
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PATRIOT COAL CORPORATION, et al.,	:
Debtors.	: (Jointly Administered)
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JOINDER OF EDF TRADING NORTH AMERICA, LLC IN DEBTORS' OPPOSITION TO (i) MOTION OF THE UNITED MINE WORKERS OF AMERICA TO TRANSFER THE CASE TO THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA, (ii) SURETIES' MOTION TO TRANSFER JOINTLY ADMINISTERED CASES TO SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA, AND (iii) MOTION OF THE UNITED STATES TRUSTEE TO TRANSFER IN THE INTEREST OF JUSTICE

EDF Trading North America, LLC ("EDF") is a party to several long-term coal supply contracts with the Debtors. The parties have agreed that the contracts will be assumed. The order authorizing assumption (and certain amendments) was entered by the Court on August 2, 2012 (Dkt. No. 269). EDF is located in Houston, Texas.

As a party to long-term supply agreements, EDF has a material interest in the stable operation and successful reorganization of the Debtors. Further, in the event that the Debtors fail to perform under the contracts while these cases continue, EDF will be a substantial creditor of the Debtors. In the event that the parties have a dispute concerning the contracts while these cases continue, this Court will determine the dispute.

EDF strongly believes that these interests are better served by the continuation of this case in this Court. Accordingly, and for the reasons stated in the opposition to the motions filed by the Debtors, EDF urges the Court to deny the motions to transfer venue.

Respectfully submitted,

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