



U.S. Department of Justice

*Office of the United States Trustee
Eastern District of Virginia*

June 25, 2015

To: Retirees of Patriot Coal who may be eligible to serve on a retiree committee for the below debtors.

**Re: Patriot Coal Corporation, et al. (the “Debtors”)
Case No. 15-32450-KLP (Jointly Administered)
Notice of Formation Meeting For Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors**

Dear Retiree:

On May 12, 2015, the above-referenced Debtors filed voluntary Chapter 11 petitions in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Virginia. On June 9, 2015, the Patriot’s Non-Union Retiree Voluntary Employee Beneficiary Associates (VEBA) filed a motion seeking the appointment of an Official Retiree Committee pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §1114(d). Subsequently, on June 25, 2015, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Virginia ordered the United States Trustee to appoint an Official Retiree Committee pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §1114(d).

You have been identified as a person who retired from either Patriot Coal Corporation or its affiliates or any of their predecessors, who may be eligible to be on such a committee. The committee will look at the proposed actions by the Debtors, which may attempt to modify certain health care benefits for retirees. In order to accomplish this goal, the committee may hire an attorney to represent it. While you will be expected to act in the best interests of all retirees, you would serve as a volunteer but your expenses (if any) will be reimbursed to you.

The United States Trustee anticipates forming this committee promptly. In order to be considered for membership on the committee, you must complete the enclosed form and submit this to the Office of the United States Trustee at the address below or by fax **so that the form is received by no later than July 6, 2015 at 12:00 p.m.** You can also return it by email to **USTPRegion04.RH.ECF@usdoj.gov**. Completing the form does not guarantee membership on the committee. After review of the completed forms, the United States Trustee will appoint a committee.

If you have questions, please contact Trial Attorney Elisabetta G. Gasparini at 803-765-5227 or Trial Attorney Shannon Pecoraro at 804-771-2319. If you are interested in being considered for appointment to the committee, please send the completed form to:

By Mail:

**Office of the United States Trustee
Attn: Shannon Pecoraro, Esq.
701 East Broad Street, Suite 4304
Richmond, Virginia 23219**

By Fax:

**Attn: Shannon Pecoraro, Esq.
804-771-2330**

Sincerely,
JUDY A. ROBBINS
UNITED STATES TRUSTEE

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