

Exhibit A-9

Classes 2D-101D Ballot

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI
EASTERN DIVISION**

In re

PATRIOT COAL CORPORATION, *et al.*,

Debtors.

Chapter 11

Case No. 12-51502-659

(Jointly Administered)

**BALLOT FOR ACCEPTING OR REJECTING DEBTORS' JOINT PLAN OF
REORGANIZATION UNDER CHAPTER 11 OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE**

**BALLOT FOR VOTING CLAIMS IN CLASSES 2D-101D (GENERAL UNSECURED
CLAIMS AGAINST THE SUBSIDIARY DEBTORS)**

The above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the “**Debtors**”) have filed the Debtors’ Joint Plan of Reorganization Under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code (the “**Plan**”).¹ The Plan is Appendix A to the Debtors’ Disclosure Statement (the “**Disclosure Statement**”), which is included in the materials accompanying this Ballot and has also been posted on the Debtors’ case information website (located at www.patriotcaseinfo.com). If you were, as of October 30, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Central Time), the holder of one or more claims in Classes 2D-101D (General Unsecured Claims against the Subsidiary Debtors) (“**Classes 2D-101D**”), please use this Ballot to cast your vote to accept or reject the Plan. The Disclosure Statement, which has been approved by the Bankruptcy Court pursuant to section 1125 of the Bankruptcy Code, provides information to assist you in deciding how to vote on the Plan. The Bankruptcy Court’s approval of the Disclosure Statement does not indicate approval of the Plan. If you have not received or wish to obtain a printed copy of the Disclosure Statement, please contact the Debtors’ Solicitation Agent, GCG, Inc., at (877) 600-6531 or, for international callers, (336) 542-5677.

You should review the Disclosure Statement, the Plan and the Approval Order before you vote. You may wish to seek legal advice concerning the Plan and the classification and treatment of your claim or claims under the Plan.

VOTING DEADLINE: 4:00 P.M. (PREVAILING CENTRAL TIME) ON

DECEMBER 9, 2013.

If your Ballot is not received by the Debtors’ Solicitation Agent, GCG, Inc., on or before the Voting Deadline and such deadline is not extended, your vote will not count as either an acceptance or rejection of the Plan.

Ballots will not be accepted by electronic or facsimile transmission.

If the Plan is confirmed by the Bankruptcy Court, it will be binding on you whether or not you vote.

This Ballot is *not* a letter of transmittal and may *not* be used for any purpose other than (i) to cast a vote to accept or reject the Plan and/or (ii) to opt out of the release provisions contained in Section 11.8 of the Plan.

¹ Unless otherwise defined herein, each capitalized term used herein shall have the meaning ascribed to it in the Plan.

HOW TO VOTE

1. COMPLETE ITEM 2.
2. IF YOU HAVE VOTED EITHER TO ACCEPT OR REJECT THE PLAN BY COMPLETING ITEM 2 AND WISH TO OPT OUT OF THE RELEASE PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN SECTION 11.8 OF THE PLAN, COMPLETE ITEM 3.
3. REVIEW THE CERTIFICATIONS CONTAINED IN ITEM 4.
4. **SIGN AND DATE THE BALLOT AND FILL OUT THE OTHER REQUIRED INFORMATION.**
5. YOU MUST VOTE THE FULL AMOUNT OF ALL OF YOUR CLASSES 2D-101D CLAIMS *EITHER* TO ACCEPT *OR* TO REJECT THE PLAN. YOU MAY NOT SPLIT YOUR VOTE.
6. **ANY EXECUTED BALLOT RECEIVED THAT DOES NOT INDICATE EITHER AN ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION OF THE PLAN OR THAT INDICATES BOTH AN ACCEPTANCE AND A REJECTION OF THE PLAN WILL NOT BE COUNTED. IF NO VOTES TO ACCEPT OR REJECT THE PLAN ARE RECEIVED FOR A PARTICULAR CLASS THAT IS ENTITLED TO VOTE ON THE PLAN, SUCH CLASS SHALL BE DEEMED TO HAVE VOTED TO ACCEPT THE PLAN.**
7. IN ORDER FOR YOUR VOTE TO BE COUNTED, YOUR BALLOT MUST BE PROPERLY COMPLETED AND ACTUALLY RECEIVED BY THE SOLICITATION AGENT NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 9, 2013 AT 4:00 P.M. (PREVAILING CENTRAL TIME). YOU MAY USE THE POSTAGE-PAID ENVELOPE PROVIDED, OR SEND YOUR BALLOT TO THE APPLICABLE ADDRESS SET FORTH BELOW:

By Courier / Hand Delivery

Patriot Coal Corporation, *et al.*
c/o GCG, Inc.
5151 Blazer Parkway, Suite A
Dublin, Ohio 43017

By U.S. Mail

Patriot Coal Corporation, *et al.*
c/o GCG, Inc.
P.O. Box 9898
Dublin, Ohio 43017-5798

Item 1. Amount of Classes 2D-101D Claims Voted. The undersigned certifies that, as of October 30, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Central Time), the undersigned held Classes 2D-101D Claims in the following aggregate unpaid amount, which arose before the respective Debtor's Petition Date:

\$ _____

Item 2. Vote. The holder of the Classes 2D-101D Claims identified in Item 1 votes as follows (check one box only—if you do not check a box or if you check both boxes, your vote will not be counted):

Accept the Plan OR **Reject** the Plan

Item 3. Release. If you voted in Item 2 above (regardless of whether you voted to accept or reject the Plan), you may check the box below to opt out of the release provisions contained in Section 11.8 of the Plan. **IF YOU VOTED IN ITEM 2 ABOVE EITHER TO ACCEPT OR REJECT THE PLAN AND YOU DO NOT OPT OUT OF THE RELEASE PROVISIONS BY CHECKING THE BOX BELOW, YOU WILL BE DEEMED TO HAVE UNCONDITIONALLY, IRREVOCABLY AND FOREVER RELEASED AND DISCHARGED THE RELEASED PARTIES (AS DEFINED IN THE PLAN) FROM, *INTER ALIA*, ANY AND ALL CAUSES OF ACTION (AS DEFINED IN THE PLAN) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE SPECIFICALLY PROVIDED IN THE PLAN. IF YOU WOULD OTHERWISE BE ENTITLED TO A RELEASE UNDER SECTION 11.8 OF THE PLAN BUT YOU DO NOT GRANT THE RELEASES CONTAINED IN SECTION 11.8 OF THE PLAN THEN YOU SHALL NOT RECEIVE THE BENEFIT OF THE RELEASES SET FORTH IN SECTION 11.8 OF THE PLAN.**

Opt Out of the release provisions.

Item 4. Certification. By returning this Ballot, the holder of the Classes 2D-101D Claims identified in Item 1 certifies that (a) this Ballot is the only Ballot submitted for the Classes 2D-101D Claims identified in Item 1, (b) it has full power and authority to vote to accept or reject the Plan for the Classes 2D-101D Claims identified in Item 1, (c) it was the holder of the Classes 2D-101D Claims identified in Item 1 as of October 30, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Central Time) and (d) it has received a copy of the Disclosure Statement (including the exhibits thereto) and understands that the solicitation of votes for the Plan is subject to all of the terms and conditions set forth in the Disclosure Statement and Plan.

YOUR RECEIPT OF THIS BALLOT DOES NOT SIGNIFY THAT YOUR CLAIM HAS BEEN OR WILL BE ALLOWED.

Name of Creditor: _____
(Print or Type)

Social Security or Federal Tax ID. No.: _____

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Title: _____
(If Appropriate)

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Telephone Number: () _____

Date Completed: _____

Please check one or both of the below boxes if the above address is a change of address for the purpose(s) of:

- Future notice mailings in these Chapter 11 Cases; and/or
- Distributions, if any, upon your Claim in these Chapter 11 Cases

This Ballot shall not constitute or be deemed a proof of claim or equity interest, an assertion of a claim or equity interest, or the allowance of a claim or equity interest.

YOUR VOTE MUST BE FORWARDED IN AMPLE TIME TO BE RECEIVED BY THE SOLICITATION AGENT, GCG, INC., BY 4:00 P.M. (PREVAILING CENTRAL TIME) ON DECEMBER 9, 2013, OR YOUR VOTE WILL NOT BE COUNTED.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS BALLOT OR THE VOTING PROCEDURES, OR IF YOU NEED A BALLOT OR ADDITIONAL COPIES OF THE DISCLOSURE STATEMENT OR OTHER ENCLOSED MATERIALS, PLEASE CALL THE SOLICITATION AGENT, GCG, INC., AT (877) 600-6531 OR, FOR INTERNATIONAL CALLERS, (336) 542-5677. PLEASE NOTE THAT GCG, INC. IS NOT AUTHORIZED TO PROVIDE, AND WILL NOT PROVIDE, LEGAL ADVICE.