#### BEFORE THE ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

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## NOTICE OF ELECTRONIC FILING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on October 1, 2015, I electronically filed with the Clerk of the Pollution Control Board of the State of Illinois, c/o John T. Therriault, Assistant Clerk, James R. Thompson Center, 100 West Randolph St., Suite 11-500, Chicago, IL 60601, a Status Report, a copy of which is attached hereto and herewith served upon you.

Dated: October 1, 2015 Respectfully submitted,

HERITAGE COAL COMPANY LLC,

Respondent

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### STATUS REPORT

NOW COMES Respondent, HERITAGE COAL COMPANY LLC (hereinafter "HCC"), through its attorneys, Sorling Northrup, by Stephen F. Hedinger, and Husch Blackwell, LLP, by W.C. Blanton, and pursuant to the Hearing Officer Order of September 17, 2015, submits this Status Report addressing the status of the Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceedings affecting HCC. For the Status Report, HCC states as follows:

- 1. On May 12, 2015, Patriot Coal Corporation and certain of its affiliates, including HCC (hereinafter collectively "Debtors"), each filed a petition with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Virginia under Chapter 11 of Title XI of the United States Code (the Bankruptcy Code).
- 2. The Debtors have submitted their Fourth Amended Joint Plan of Reorganization, along with related materials, proposing a plan to reorganize the Debtors' assets and liabilities.
- Certain parties, including the State of Illinois, have submitted objections to the
   Fourth Amended Joint Plan of Reorganization.
- 4. Hearing on the Fourth Amended Joint Plan of Reorganization is scheduled before the bankruptcy court for October 5, 2015.

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- The pending bankruptcy proceeding requires the continuing stay of litigation in 5. this matter. Moreover, due to the uncertainty of the final disposition of HCC's assets, the parties are also unable to resume or conclude settlement negotiations.
- It is anticipated that further information and direction may be available to the 6. parties following the October 5 hearing date.

WHEREFORE, Respondent, HERITAGE COAL COMPANY LLC, submits the above Status Report in compliance with the Hearing Officer's Order.

Dated: October 1, 2015

Respectfully submitted,

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