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JUN 1 6 2003 PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS. STATE OF ILLINOIS Complainant, Pollution Control Board PCB 99-134 v. PEABODY COAL COMPANY, a Delaware) corporation, Respondent. **NOTICE OF FILING AND PROOF OF SERVICE** Jane E. McBride To: Bradley Halloran Environmental Bureau **Hearing Officer** Attorney General's Office Illinois Pollution Control Board 500 S. Second St. 100 W. Randolph St. Springfield, IL 62706 James R. Thompson Center Suite 11-500 Chicago, IL 60601-3218 Pollution Control Board, Attn: Clerk David Joest 100 West Randolph Street Peabody Coal Company James R. Thompson Center 1951 Barrett Court Suite 11-500 P.O. Box 1990 Chicago, IL 60601-3218 Henderson, KY 42419-1990 W.C. Blanton

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on the Aday of June, 2003, we sent to the Clerk of the Pollution Control Board the original and nine copies of Substitution of Affidavit of W.C. Blanton for filing in the above entitled cause.

The undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the above-described document was served upon the above-identified individuals via U.S. mail by enclosing the same in envelopes properly addressed, with postage fully prepaid, and by depositing said envelopes in a U.S. Post Office mail box, on the $\frac{3}{16}$ day of June, 2003.

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SUBSTITUTION OF AFFIDAVIT OF W.C. BLANTON

NOW COMES Respondent, PEABODY COAL COMPANY (hereinafter "PCC"), through its undersigned attorney, and hereby substitutes the original of the Affidavit of W.C. Blanton Relating to State's Motion for Protective Order for the facsimile copy that had been filed along with PCC's Brief in Opposition to State's Motion for Protective Order. In support of this substitution, PCC states as follows:

- 1. On June 12, 2003, PCC submitted, in support of its Brief in Opposition to State's Motion for Protective Order, the Affidavit of W.C. Blanton Relating to State's Motion for Protective Order, dated June 12,2003. At the time of that submittal, only a facsimile copy of that Affidavit was available for filing. The submittal was filed by U.S. Mail, and, per Hearing Officer authorization, by facsimile transmission.
- 2. The original of the Affidavit of W.C. Blanton Relating to State's Motion for Protective Order is now available for submittal, and with this pleading PCC submits, as a substitution, that original for the facsimile copy. The original and four copies are being sent to the Board's Clerk's Office and one each is being sent to the persons on the service list.

WHEREFORE, Respondent PEABODY COAL COMPANY substitutes the original of

the Affidavit of W.C. Blanton for the facsimile copy previously provided.

Respectfully submitted,

PEABODY COAL COMPANY, Respondent

By its attorney

HEDINGER LAW OFFICE

Зу: __

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AFFIDAVIT OF W. C. BLANTON RELATING TO STATE'S MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER

W. C. Blanton, being first duly sworn, states as follows:

- 1. The statements made herein are based upon my personal knowledge, and I am competent to testify hereto.
- 2. I am an attorney duly authorized to practice law in the States of Indiana, Missouri, and Minnesota; and I am one of the attorneys of record for Respondent, Peabody Coal Company ("PCC"), in connection with the above-captioned matter, having been granted leave by the Illinois Pollution Control Board ("Board") to appear <u>pro hac vice</u> in this matter on behalf of PCC.
- 3. This affidavit is being filed with the Board as part of PCC's opposition to Complainant's Motion For Protective Order ("State's Motion"), filed in this matter on or about June 4¹ by Complainant, People of the State of Illinois ("State").

¹ All dates stated herein are for the year 2003, unless specifically stated otherwise.

- 4. On May 8, in an in-person conversation, I advised Jane E. McBride, the State's attorney of record in this case, and attorney Stephen C. Ewart (the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency attorney having primary responsibility within that agency for the handling of this case) that PCC would within a few days thereafter serve numerous interrogatories and production requests upon the State and that I anticipated the State's attorney's initial reaction to those discovery requests to be negative. I also advised Ms. McBride and Mr. Ewart at that time (a) that those discovery requests would be narrowly drawn and be directed to specific issues that have been raised in this case, (b) that PCC anticipated the State having no information or documents responsive to a large number of the requests, (c) that PCC would be willing to clarify, make more specific, or otherwise scale back the scope of certain requests, if appropriate, and (d) that PCC would generally work with the State so that it would not be unduly burdensome for the State to provide PCC the information and documents sought by the requests.
- 5. A copy of my letter to Ms. McBride that accompanied the four sets of interrogatories and production requests served upon the State that day ("PCC Discovery Requests") is attached as Exhibit A to the State's Motion.²
- 6. On June 4, I received via U. S. mail a letter from Ms. McBride dated May 30 and addressed to Stephen F. Hedinger and me, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit 1.
- 7. Prior to my receipt of Ms. McBride's May 30 letter, I received via facsimile a letter from Ms. McBride dated June 2 and addressed to Mr. Hedinger and me, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit 2.
- 8. On June 3, I transmitted an e-mail message to Ms. Mc Bride, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit 3.

² This letter is misdated as "March 25, 2002." The letter and enclosures were actually mailed on May 23, 2003.

- 9. Later on June 3, Ms. McBride transmitted her May 30 letter described above to me via facsimile. A copy of that copy of the letter is attached as Exhibit 4.
- 10. On June 4, Ms. McBride transmitted to me via facsimile a copy of the State's Motion, which apparently was transmitted to the Board for filing that day. A copy of the cover sheet for that transmittal is attached as Exhibit 5.
- 11. Prior to my receipt of the copy of the State's Motion transmitted to me via facsimile, Ms. McBride and I had not discussed the State's objections to the discovery requests directed to the State by PCC that are the subject of her May 30 letter and the State's Motion.
- 12. On the afternoon of June 4, Mr. Hedinger and I placed a telephone call to Ms. McBride to discuss the issues raised by her May 30 letter and the State's Motion. At that time, Ms. McBride declined to discuss the issue of whether the PCC Discovery Requests seek to elicit information relevant to the issues in this case and/or calculated to lead to such relevant information and the production of documents possessed by the State that contain such information. During that conversation, Ms. McBride stated that Thomas Davis, Chief of the Environmental Bureau of the Office of the Attorney General of Illinois, had written the State's Motion.
- 13. On June 10, Ms. McBride, Mr. Ewart, Mr. Davis, Mr. Hedinger and I met at the offices of the Attorney Illinois Attorney General in Springfield, Illinois to discuss the matters that are subject of Ms. McBride's May 30 letter and the State's Motion. (This meeting required me to travel from Kansas City, Missouri to Springfield at considerable expense to PCC.) At that meeting, Mr. Davis informed Mr. Hedinger and me that it is the State's position that it will not, prior to the issuance of a ruling on the State's Motion, discuss with PCC the issue of whether the PCC Discovery Requests seek to elicit information relevant to the issues in this case and/or

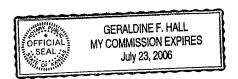
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Further affiant sayeth not.

W. C. Blanton

STATE OF MISSOURI)
) ss
COUNTY OF JACKSON)

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, this day of June, 2003.



Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

7-23-06



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OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL STATE OF ILLINOIS

Lisa Madigan ATTORNEY GENERAL

May 30, 2003

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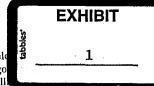
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All of the above-referenced requests have been complied with and have been supplemented by the Complainant. Complainant is currently about to provide the Respondent



Mr. W.C. Blanton, Esq May 30, 2003 Page 2

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It appears that the predictions contained within Complainant's objection to Mr. Blanton's entry in this case have indeed come true.

I will soon place a call to Mr. Halloran to inquire whether he would be willing to set the requested status conference and participate in discovery dispute discussions so that this issue might be quickly resolved.

Sincerely,

Jane E. McBride

Assistant Attorney General

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cc:

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Mr. Stephen Ewart, Esq.

Mr. Thomas Davis, Esq.

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Re:

People of the State of Illinois v. Peabody Coal Company

PCB Case No. 99-134 Our File No. 2597-3

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As I indicated to you a couple of weeks ago, we believe the information and documents sought by these discovery requests are subject to discovery given the nature and scope of issues in this case. However, we recognize that the requests are numerous; and it is not our intention to cause the State to undertake efforts that are not necessary to locate and provide us the

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Jane McBride March 21, 2002 Page 2

information we need in order to respond to the State's claims against PCC asserted in this case. Accordingly, please call me to discuss any questions or concerns that you have regarding these discovery requests.

Best regards ---

Very truly yours,

W.C. Blanton

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Enclosures

cc: Steve Hedinger

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Via Facsimile (816) 983-8151

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Re: People v. Peabody Coal Company, PCB 99-134

Dear Mr. Blanton and Mr. Hedinger:

Mr. Halloran is available for a brief status conference on the issue of your recent discovery requests at 9:15 A.M. on Thursday, June 5. He has asked that we provide him with a written motion prior to his participation in discussions on this dispute. I have indicated to him that we would transmit a written motion prior to the time of the status conference. He also reminds the parties that he is scheduled to go on family leave in the very near future. He suggests we attempt to resolve the issue before he is called away.

I would ask that you provide a response to my letter of May 30, 2003, as soon as possible to facilitate any discussion that might be possible prior to Thursday. We would expect your response to indicate which portion of the recent request you are willing to withdraw, and an explanation as to why you feel the remainder of the request is justified.

Sincerely,

Jane E. McBride

Assistant Attorney General

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(217) 782-9033

cc: Mr. Stephen Ewart, Esq.

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From:

Blanton, WC

Sent:

Tuesday, June 03, 2003 1:48 PM 'JANE MCBRIDE'

To: Cc:

'hedinger@cityscape.net'

Subject:

RE: People v. Peabody Coal, Depositions

This is in response to your fax late yesterday. Neither Steve Hedinger nor I have received any letter from you dated May 30 regarding PCC's most recent sets of discovery requests. That makes it a little hard to respond to your fax.

----Original Message---From: JANE MCBRIDE [mailto:JMCBRIDE@atg.state.il.us]
Sent: Wednesday, May 28, 2003 9:45 AM
To: wblanton@Blackwellsanders.com; hedinger@cityscape.net

Subject: People v. Peabody Coal, Depositions

Steve and WC

The only dates where I have three consecutive days of availability for all concerned, for depositions, are July 1 through 3.

Please call me today regarding the scheduling of deposition. (217) 782-9033.

Jane McBride

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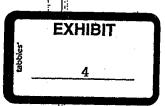
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information we need in order to respond to the State's claims against PCC asserted in this case. Accordingly, please call me to discuss any questions or concerns that you have regarding these discovery requests.

Best regards --

Very truly yours,

W.C. Blanton

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Enclosures

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