

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA  
SOUTHERN DIVISION**

In re:

WALTER ENERGY, INC., *et al.*,

Debtors.

Chapter 11

Case No. 15-02741-TOM11

Jointly Administered

**NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT OF CHAPTER 11 BANKRUPTCY CASES**

On July 15, 2015, Walter Energy, Inc. and its affiliated debtors and debtors-in-possession (each a “Debtor” and, collectively, the “Debtors”) filed voluntary petitions for relief under chapter 11 of title 11 of the U.S. Code, 11 U.S.C. §§ 101 *et seq.* (the “Bankruptcy Code”). The Debtors, their respective chapter 11 case numbers (collectively, the “Chapter 11 Cases”), and the last four digits of their respective federal tax identification numbers are: Atlantic Development and Capital, LLC, 15-2747, 8121; Atlantic Leaseco, LLC, 15-2773, 5308; Blue Creek Coal Sales, Inc., 15-2750, 6986; Blue Creek Energy, Inc, 15-2752, 0986; J.W. Walter, Inc, 15-2755, 0648; Jefferson Warrior Railroad Company, Inc., 15-2759, 3200; Jim Walter Homes, LLC, 15-2762, 4589; Jim Walter Resources, Inc., 15-2743, 1186; Maple Coal Co., LLC, 15-2764, 6791; Sloss-Sheffield Steel & Iron Company, 15-2766, 4884; SP Machine, Inc., 15-2746, 9945; Taft Coal Sales & Associates, Inc. 15-2751, 8731; Tuscaloosa Resources, Inc., 15-2753, 4869; V Manufacturing Company, 15-2754, 9790; Walter Black Warrior Basin LLC, 15-2756, 5973; Walter Coke, Inc, 15-2744, 9791; Walter Energy Holdings, LLC, 15-2758, 1596; Walter Energy, Inc., 15-2741, 9953; Walter Exploration & Production LLC, 15-2757, 5786; Walter Home Improvement, Inc., 15-2760, 1633; Walter Land Company, 15-2761, 7709; Walter Minerals, Inc., 15-2763, 9714; and Walter Natural Gas, LLC, 15-2765, 1198. The location of the Debtors’ corporate headquarters and the Debtors’ service address is: 3000 Riverchase Galleria, Suite 1700, Birmingham, Alabama 35244.

**COMMENCEMENT OF CASES AND INFORMATION.** The Debtors filed petitions under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Alabama (the “Court”). All documents filed in the Chapter 11 Cases are available at [www.alnb.uscourts.gov](http://www.alnb.uscourts.gov) and through the website of Kurtzman Carson Consultants LLC (“KCC”), at <http://www.kccllc.net/walterenergy>, or by contacting KCC at (866) 967-0679 or, if calling from outside the U.S. or Canada, at (310) 751-2679.

**MEETING OF CREDITORS.** The Bankruptcy Administrator (the “B.A.”) has scheduled the initial meeting of creditors for August 20, 2015 at 1 p.m. CDT at the U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Robert S. Vance Federal Building, 1800 Fifth Avenue North, Birmingham, Alabama 35203 (the “Initial 341”). The B.A., the Debtors’ representative, and the Debtors’ local counsel will appear at the Initial 341 and the B.A. will announce that the meeting of creditors is continued to **SEPTEMBER 10, 2015 AT 1 P.M. CDT.** There will be no questioning of the Debtors’ representative at the Initial 341.

There will be questioning allowed at the continued meeting of creditors on **SEPTEMBER 10, 2015 AT 1 P.M. CDT, U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT, ROBERT S. VANCE FEDERAL BUILDING, 1800 FIFTH AVENUE NORTH BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA 35203.** The meeting of creditors may be further continued or adjourned from time-to-time by notice at the meeting, without further written notice to the creditors.

**CREDITORS MAY NOT TAKE CERTAIN ACTIONS.** Under the Bankruptcy Code, the Debtors are granted certain protections against creditors. If unauthorized actions are taken by a creditor against the Debtors, the Court may penalize that creditor. A creditor which is considering taking action against the Debtors or their property should review section 362 of the Bankruptcy Code and may wish to seek legal advice. **The staff of the Clerk's Office and the Debtors' proposed counsel are not permitted to give legal advice.**

**PROOFS OF CLAIM.** A Proof of Claim is a signed statement describing a creditor's claim. Parties can obtain a Proof of Claim form at any bankruptcy clerk's office. Creditors may look at the schedules that will be filed at the bankruptcy clerk's office or at <http://www.kccllc.net/walterenergy>. If a creditor's claim is scheduled and is not listed as disputed, contingent, or unliquidated, it will be allowed in the amount scheduled unless the creditor files a Proof of Claim or is sent further notice about the claim. Whether or not a creditor's claim is scheduled, the creditor is permitted to file a Proof of Claim. If a creditor's claim is not listed at all or if the creditor's claim is listed as disputed, contingent, or unliquidated, then the creditor must file a Proof of Claim or the creditor might not be paid any money on the creditor's claim and may be unable to vote on a plan. The Court has not yet set a deadline to file a Proof of Claim. If a deadline is set, the Debtors will provide further notice. A secured creditor retains rights in its collateral regardless of whether that creditor files a Proof of Claim. Filing a Proof of Claim submits the creditor to the jurisdiction of the bankruptcy court, with consequences a lawyer can explain. For example, a secured creditor who files a Proof of Claim may surrender important nonmonetary rights, including the right to a jury trial. **Filing Deadline for a Creditor with a Foreign Address:** The deadline for filing claims will be set in a later court order and will apply to all creditors unless the order provides otherwise. If notice of the order setting the deadline is sent to a creditor at a foreign address, the creditor may file a motion requesting the court to extend the deadline.

**DISCHARGE OF DEBTS.** Confirmation of a chapter 11 plan may result in a discharge of debts. A discharge means that creditors may never try to collect the debt from the Debtors, except as provided in the plan. The deadline to file a complaint to determine the dischargeability of certain debts is the date that is sixty (60) days after the first scheduled meeting of creditors pursuant to section 341 of the Bankruptcy Code. If a creditor believes that a debt owed to it is not dischargeable under section 1141(d)(6)(A) of the Bankruptcy Code, the creditor must start a lawsuit by filing a complaint in the bankruptcy clerk's office by the deadline in the previous sentence. The bankruptcy clerk's office must receive the complaint and any required filing fee by that deadline.

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