

Exhibit A

(Proposed Order)

**THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION**

In re: §
§ Case No. 18-35672 (DRJ)
§
WESTMORELAND COAL COMPANY, *et* § Chapter 11
al.,¹ §
§ (Jointly Administered)
Debtors.

**ORDER GRANTING FIRST AND FINAL FEE APPLICATION (WMLP DEBTORS) OF
DRINKER BIDDLE & REATH LLP AS SPECIAL LABOR AND EMPLOYEE
BENEFITS COUNSEL TO THE DEBTORS AND DEBTORS IN POSSESSION FOR
THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 7, 2019 THROUGH JUNE 21, 2019**

Upon the application (the “Application”)² of Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP (“DBR”), special labor and employee benefits counsel to the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (the “Debtors”), seeking approval of the first and final application for compensation and reimbursement of expenses allocable to the WMLP Debtors for the period January 7, 2019 through and including June 21, 2019, pursuant to the terms set forth in the Application, the Interim Procedures Order, and the WMLP Debtors Plan; and the Court being satisfied, based on the representations made in the Application, that DBR should be awarded the amounts set forth in the Application; and the Court having jurisdiction to consider the Application and the relief requested therein pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1334; and consideration of the Application and the requested relief being a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §157(b); and venue being proper before this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; and due and proper notice of the Application having been served; and it appearing that no other or further notice need be

¹ Due to the large number of debtors in these chapter 11 cases, for which joint administration has been granted, a complete list of the debtors and the last four digits of their tax identification, registration, or like numbers is not provided herein. A complete list of such information may be obtained on the website of the Debtors’ claims and noticing agent in these chapter 11 cases at www.donlinrecano.com/westmoreland. Westmoreland Coal Company’s service address for the purposes of these chapter 11 cases is 9540 South Maroon Circle, Suite 300, Englewood, Colorado 80112.

² Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have meanings ascribed to them in the Application.

provided; and the Court having reviewed the Application and determined that the information set forth in the Application establishes just cause for the relief granted herein; and upon all of the proceedings had before the Court and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefor, it is hereby

ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED THAT

1. DBR is awarded fees and expenses for the period of January 7, 2019 through and including June 21, 2019 as follows:

Fees: \$17,367.25

Expenses: \$0.00

Total: \$17,367.25

2. The Debtors are authorized and directed to promptly render payment to DBR for all unpaid amounts incurred during the Application Period.

3. All of DBR's fees and expenses allowed herein are hereby approved on a final basis pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 330(a).

4. The Court shall retain jurisdiction with respect to all matters arising from or related to the implementation of this Order.

Dated: _____, 2019

THE HONORABLE DAVID R. JONES
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE