

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Before the
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS RULINGS
Release No. 3538/January 27, 2016

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING
File No. 3-17043

In the Matter of

PAUL D. CRAWFORD

ORDER POSTPONING HEARING
AND DIRECTING PARTIES TO
HOLD A PREHEARING
CONFERENCE

On January 11, 2016, the Securities and Exchange Commission issued an order instituting proceedings (OIP) against Respondent Paul D. Crawford, pursuant to Section 15(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. A hearing is currently scheduled for February 8, 2016.

On January 26, 2016, the parties jointly moved to postpone the hearing and schedule a prehearing conference during the week of February 8, 2016. The parties represent that Crawford was served with the OIP on or about January 13, 2016, in accordance with Commission Rule of Practice 141(a)(2)(i). Accordingly, Crawford's answer is due by February 5, 2016. *See* OIP at 2; 17 C.F.R. §§ 201.160(b), .220(b).

It is ORDERED that the hearing currently scheduled for February 8, 2016, is POSTPONED *sine die*. It is FURTHER ORDERED that the parties shall hold an initial prehearing conference without the hearing officer to discuss each numbered item in Rule of Practice 221(c), 17 C.F.R. § 201.221(c). By February 12, 2016, the parties shall file a joint prehearing conference statement that addresses each numbered item in Rule 221(c) and includes proposed due dates where applicable. Specifically, the joint statement should address whether this proceeding may be resolved by summary disposition and, if so, include proposed due dates for motions, oppositions, and replies. 17 C.F.R. §§ 201.221(c)(7), .250. In addition, the parties should note in the joint statement whether the Division has complied with Rule 230, requiring that any party documents obtained by the Division prior to the institution of proceedings be made available to Crawford for inspection and copying. 17 C.F.R. § 201.230.

The parties' submissions and any documents in support shall be filed in paper format with the Commission's Office of the Secretary, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street N.E., Mail Stop 1090, Washington, D.C. 20549. Among other requirements, each filing must include a signed original and three copies, and a certification that copies have been served on the other parties. *See* 17 C.F.R. §§ 201.151, .152, .153.

Electronic courtesy copies of the parties' submissions should be emailed to ALJ@sec.gov in PDF text-searchable format. Electronic copies of exhibits should not be combined into a single PDF file, but sent as separate attachments.

Cameron Elliot
Administrative Law Judge