

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

Administrative Proceedings Rulings
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Administrative Proceeding
File No. 3-18325

In the Matter of
Global Digital Solutions, Inc.

**Order Directing the
Parties to Hold an Initial
Prehearing Conference**

On December 26, 2017, the Securities and Exchange Commission issued an order instituting proceedings (OIP) against Respondent pursuant to Section 12(j) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Respondent has filed an answer to the OIP.

I direct Respondent and the Division of Enforcement to hold an initial prehearing conference without the hearing officer by January 23, 2018, to discuss the issues in the OIP and Respondent's answer, as well as any other relevant items in Rule of Practice 221(c), 17 C.F.R. § 201.221(c), including the date by which each item will be accomplished, where applicable. By January 30, 2018, the parties shall file a joint prehearing conference statement that addresses the issues discussed at their initial prehearing conference, including whether this matter may be resolved by summary disposition and proposed due dates. If the parties conclude that this matter cannot be resolved by summary disposition, they shall propose a procedural schedule that will result in a hearing commencing no later than May 7, 2018. *See* 17 C.F.R. § 201.360(a)(2)(ii) ("Under the 30-day timeline, the hearing officer shall issue an order scheduling the hearing to begin approximately one month (but no more than four months) from the date of service of the [OIP]."). Based on this prehearing conference statement, a subsequent prehearing conference with the hearing officer will be scheduled if appropriate. If the parties are unable to hold a prehearing conference by January 23, the Division shall notify my office before that date.

The parties are asked to email courtesy copies of any filings in PDF text-searchable format and, when possible, Microsoft Word format, to alj@sec.gov.

Jason S. Patil
Administrative Law Judge