

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

Administrative Proceedings Rulings  
Release No. 6236 / October 22, 2018

Administrative Proceeding  
File No. 3-17104

In the Matter of

**BioElectronics Corp.,  
IBEX, LLC,  
St. John's, LLC,  
Andrew J. Whelan,  
Kelly A. Whelan, CPA, and  
Robert P. Bedwell, CPA**

**Order Denying Motion for  
Extension Without Prejudice**

This proceeding has been stayed since September 14, 2018, following the parties' agreement in principle to a settlement on all major terms. On October 19, 2018, the parties filed a joint motion asking for an extension of the twenty-business-day deadline for the Division of Enforcement to submit Respondents' signed settlement offer to the Securities and Exchange Commission. *See* 17 C.F.R. § 201.161(c)(2)(i)(B). The parties want the stay extended until November 16, 2018.

The joint motion is DENIED without prejudice. Rule 161(a) grants administrative law judges the authority to "extend or shorten any time limits prescribed by these Rules of Practice for the *filing* of any papers." 17 C.F.R. § 201.161(a) (emphasis added). It is not clear, however, that Rule 161(a) covers the deadline in Rule 161(c)(2)(i)(B) for the Division to "submit[] the settlement offer and accompanying recommendation to the Commission for consideration."

If the parties renew their motion, they must explain the authority to grant their request. Alternatively, if the stay lapses, I ORDER the parties to submit a joint proposal addressing the conduct of further proceedings by November 26, 2018. The parties' proposal should reflect any agreement regarding service of the order instituting proceedings and address the

numbered items referenced in 17 C.F.R. § 201.221(c). If the parties are unable to agree, they may submit separate proposals.

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James E. Grimes  
Administrative Law Judge