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

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS RULINGS Release No. 1888/October 6, 2014

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING File No. 3-16000

In the Matter of

HOUSTON AMERICAN ENERGY CORP., JOHN F. TERWILLIGER, JR., UNDISCOVERED EQUITIES INC., and KEVIN T. MCKNIGHT PREHEARING ORDERS

On October 3, 2014, this Office received a Motion for Entry of Scheduling Order and Other Prehearing Orders (Motion), filed by Respondents Houston American and Terwilliger, and agreed to by the Division of Enforcement. I adopt the prehearing schedule as follows:

November 21, 2014: The parties shall file initial expert reports, if any.

December 5, 2014: Division shall file its witness list and exhibit list<sup>2</sup> and shall

provide, but not file, copies of its exhibits to Respondents.

December 12, 2014: The parties shall file rebuttal expert reports, if any.

December 19, 2014: Respondents shall file their respective witness lists and

exhibit lists and shall provide, but not file, copies of their

exhibits to the Division and each other.

All pre-hearing motions, if any, are due by this date.

January 5, 2015: The parties shall file prehearing briefs, if any. The parties

shall file objections to witnesses and exhibits, if any.

<sup>1</sup> The Motion represents that Respondents Undiscovered Equities and McKnight did not respond to multiple invitations to join the conference to discuss the prehearing schedule and other prehearing issues addressed in the Motion.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Any party's filing of such lists shall be without prejudice to the subsequent identification of witnesses or exhibits for impeachment, at a time to be determined by the Hearing Officer.

January 12, 2015:

The Hearing shall commence at 9:30 a.m. EST in Hearing Room 2 at the Commission's Headquarters, 100 F St. NE, Washington, D.C.<sup>3</sup> The parties will be permitted to make brief opening statements.

The Motion also requests certain procedural guidelines, which I adopt as follows:

- (i) The parties will be prohibited from objecting to, and the parties need not establish, the authenticity of hearing exhibits offered into evidence, except upon the articulation of a particularized basis for such objection. A party may nonetheless lay a foundation if it desires.
- (ii) Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(a)(2)(B) shall govern disclosures related to the parties' testifying experts. Draft expert reports, and communications between a party's testifying expert and that party or its counsel, are protected from disclosure by the work product doctrine.

I deny the request to schedule a prehearing conference because the outstanding issues are settled by this Order.

SO ORDERED.

Jason S. Patil
Administrative Law Judge

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The parties shall email this Office at <u>alj@sec.gov</u> with a list of attendees by Thursday, January 8, 2015.