

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

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS RULINGS
Release No. 3725/March 21, 2016

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING
File No. 3-17117

In the Matter of

GREGORY L. MERRICK : ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE AND
: POSTPONEMENT ORDER

The Securities and Exchange Commission instituted this proceeding with an Order Instituting Proceedings (OIP) on February 12, 2016, pursuant to Sections 15(b)(6) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and 203(f) of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940. The proceeding is a follow-on proceeding based on an order of the Ohio Department of Commerce, Division of Securities, ordering Respondent Gregory L. Merrick to cease and desist from state securities law violations and revoking his investment adviser representative license and the investment adviser license of a Commission-registered broker-dealer with which Merrick was associated. A prehearing conference was scheduled to be held by telephone on April 1, 2016.

Merrick was served with the OIP in accordance with 17 C.F.R. § 201.141(a)(2)(i) on February 25, 2016. To date, Merrick has failed to file an Answer, due within twenty days of service on him. *See* OIP at 2; 17 C.F.R. § 201.220(b).¹ Accordingly,

Merrick IS ORDERED TO SHOW CAUSE by April 1, 2016, why he should not be barred from associating with any broker, dealer, investment adviser, municipal securities dealer, or transfer agent and from participating in an offering of penny stock.²

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the prehearing conference be postponed *sine die*.

/S/ Carol Fox Foelak
Carol Fox Foelak
Administrative Law Judge

¹ Merrick was warned that if he failed to file an Answer within the time provided, he would be deemed to be in default and barred from the securities industry. *See Gregory L. Merrick*, Admin. Proc. Rulings Release No. 3669, 2016 SEC LEXIS 823 (A.L.J. Mar. 3, 2016).

² Thus, he would be barred from acting as a promoter, finder, consultant, or agent; or otherwise engaging in activities with a broker, dealer, or issuer for purposes of the issuance or trading in any penny stock, or inducing or attempting to induce the purchase or sale of any penny stock, pursuant to Exchange Act Section 15(b)(6)(A), (C).