

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

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS RULINGS
Release No. 3775/April 8, 2016

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING
File No. 3-17117

In the Matter of

GREGORY L. MERRICK

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STAY ORDER

The Securities and Exchange Commission instituted this proceeding with an Order Instituting Proceedings on February 12, 2016, pursuant to Section 15(b)(6) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Section 203(f) of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940.

The parties jointly requested a stay pending Commission consideration of Respondent's offer of settlement, stating that they have agreed in principle to a settlement on all major terms. Accordingly, the proceeding, including all procedural dates, will be stayed, contingent upon compliance with 17 C.F.R. § 201.161(c)(2).

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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