## UNITED STATES OF AMERICA before the SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

INVESTMENT ADVISERS ACT OF 1940 Release No. 4606 / January 11, 2017

Admin. Proc. File No. 3-17265

In the Matter of

STEVEN R. MARKUSEN AND JAY C. COPE

## NOTICE THAT INITIAL DECISION HAS BECOME FINAL

The time for filing a petition for review of the initial decision in this proceeding has expired. No such petition has been filed by Steven R. Markusen or Jay C. Cope and the Commission has not chosen to review the decision on its own initiative.

Accordingly, notice is hereby given, pursuant to Rule 360(d) of the Commission's Rules of Practice, <sup>1</sup> that the initial decision of the administrative law judge has become the final decision of the Commission with respect to Steven R. Markusen and Jay C. Cope. <sup>2</sup> The order contained in that decision is hereby declared effective. The initial decision ordered that, under Section 203(f) of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, both Steven R. Markusen and Jay C. Cope are barred from associating with an investment adviser, broker, dealer, municipal securities dealer, municipal advisor, transfer agent, or nationally recognized statistical rating organization.

For the Commission, by the Office of the General Counsel, pursuant to delegated authority.

Brent J. Fields Secretary

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 17 C.F.R. § 201.360(d).

Steven R. Markusen and Jay C. Cope, Initial Decision Release No. 1079 (Nov. 9, 2016), 115 SEC Docket 08, 2016 WL 6647632.