

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
Before the  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS RULINGS  
Release No. 796/August 14, 2013

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING  
File No. 3-15413

In the Matter of

RICHARD D. HICKS

ORDER SCHEDULING  
HEARING AND  
DESIGNATING  
PRESIDING JUDGE

The Securities and Exchange Commission (Commission) has ordered, pursuant to Rule 360(a)(2) of the Commission's Rules of Practice, that the Administrative Law Judge assigned to this proceeding shall issue an initial decision no later than 300 days from service of the Corrected Order Instituting Proceedings. See 17 C.F.R. § 201.360(a)(2).

IT IS ORDERED that the hearing in this matter commence at 9:30 a.m., Monday, September 16, 2013, in the Commission Headquarters Offices, Hearing Room 2, 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Chief Administrative Law Judge Brenda P. Murray preside at the hearing in these proceedings and perform other and related duties in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the parties confer and notify the presiding judge of a suggested date and time for a prehearing conference which will be conducted telephonically unless the parties prefer otherwise.

Information prepared by this office to assist the parties is attached to this Order.

For the Commission, by its Chief Administrative Law Judge, pursuant to delegated authority.

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Brenda P. Murray  
Chief Administrative Law Judge