UNITED STATES OF AMERICA Before the SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, DC 20549

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ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING File No. 3-15737

In the Matter of

THOMAS C. GONNELLA

ORDER FOLLOWING PREHEARING CONFERENCE

The Securities and Exchange Commission instituted this proceeding with an Order Instituting Administrative and Cease-and-Desist Proceedings (OIP), pursuant to Section 8A of the Securities Act of 1933, Sections 15(b) and 21C of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 203(f) of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, and Section 9(b) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, on February 4, 2014.

A prehearing conference was held today. Respondent Thomas C. Gonnella (Gonnella), his counsel, and the Division of Enforcement (Division) appeared. During the prehearing conference, service of the OIP was deemed to have occurred on February 7, 2014, and Gonnella requested an extension of time to file his Answer to the OIP. The Division consented to the request.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that Thomas C. Gonnella shall file his Answer by March 17, 2014.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a second telephonic prehearing conference shall be held on March 17, 2014, at 2:30 p.m. EDT. The parties should be prepared to discuss the timing and location of the hearing, among other prehearing procedural matters, at the prehearing conference. <u>See</u> 17 C.F.R. § 201.221(c).

Cameron Elliot
Administrative Law Judge