

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

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS RULINGS
Release No. 1580/July 2, 2014

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING
File No. 3-15888

In the Matter of :
: ORDER FOLLOWING
DONALD R. FRENCH, JR. : PREHEARING CONFERENCE
:

The Securities and Exchange Commission (Commission) issued an Order Instituting Proceedings (OIP) in this proceeding on May 27, 2014, pursuant to Section 15(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

A telephonic prehearing conference (PHC) was held yesterday, and attended by Russell Koonin for the Division of Enforcement (Division) and Respondent Donald R. French, Jr. (French), who is incarcerated, appeared pro se. At the PHC, French confirmed that he received service of the OIP on June 2, 2014. French also agreed that his June 10, 2014, letter to the Commission constituted an answer in this proceeding. The parties were given three weeks to pursue settlement discussions. The parties agreed to the following briefing schedule for motions for summary disposition, should settlement discussions fail:

August 15, 2014: Motions for summary disposition are due;

September 5, 2014: Oppositions are due; and

September 15, 2014: Replies, if any, are due.

SO ORDERED.

Cameron Elliot
Administrative Law Judge