

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

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS RULINGS  
Release No. 1650/July 24, 2014

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING  
File No. 3-15888

In the Matter of

DONALD R. FRENCH, JR.

STAY ORDER

On May 27, 2014, the Securities and Exchange Commission (Commission) issued an Order Instituting Administrative Proceedings against Donald R. French, Jr. (French), pursuant to Section 15(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

On July 23, 2014, this Office received the Division of Enforcement's (Division) Motion to Stay Proceeding Pending the Commission's Consideration of Settlement Offer (Motion). In the Motion, the Division states that it received a signed settlement offer from French on July 22, 2014, and, if the Commission approves the offer, the proceeding would be resolved in its entirety. The Division moves for a stay pending Commission consideration of the offer of settlement, pursuant to 17 C.F.R. § 201.161(c)(2). Though not a joint motion, as required by Rule 161(c)(2) of the Commission's Rules of Practice, based on the Motion's representations, the fact that French is incarcerated and his communication is limited, and his signed settlement offer, I find the Division's Motion a sufficient substitution for a joint motion. See 17 C.F.R. § 201.161(c)(2).

For good cause shown, it is ORDERED that the Motion is GRANTED, and the proceeding is stayed contingent upon compliance with 17 C.F.R. § 201.161(c)(2).

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Cameron Elliot  
Administrative Law Judge