

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

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS RULINGS
Release No. 1857/September 29, 2014

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING
File No. 3-15851

In the Matter of

BRIAN WILLIAMSON, ESQ.

ORDER GRANTING JOINT MOTION
TO STAY PENDING COMMISSION
CONSIDERATION OF OFFER OF
SETTLEMENT

On April 22, 2014, the Securities and Exchange Commission instituted this proceeding against Brian Williamson, Esq., with an Order Instituting Administrative Proceedings and Imposing Temporary Suspension Pursuant to Rule 102(e)(3)(i)(B) of the Commission's Rules of Practice. A request to lift the temporary suspension was denied by the Commission on June 19, 2014, and the matter was set down for a hearing to determine whether Mr. Williamson should be temporarily or permanently disqualified from appearing before the Commission.

On September 29, 2014, the parties submitted a Joint Motion to Stay Pending Commission Consideration of Offer of Settlement (Joint Motion), which requests that this proceeding be stayed pursuant to Commission Rule of Practice 161(c)(2)(i). The Joint Motion represents that the parties have agreed in principle to a settlement on all major terms. Joint Motion at 1; *see* 17 C.F.R. § 201.161(c)(2)(i).

The Joint Motion is GRANTED and this proceeding and all previously set deadlines are STAYED, subject to compliance with Rule 161(c)(2), requiring that I be promptly notified if any of the requirements of Rule 161(c)(2) are not met, at which time the stay would lapse. *See* 17 C.F.R. § 201.161(c)(2).

James E. Grimes
Administrative Law Judge