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

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In the Matter of ORDER FOLLOWING PREHEARING CONFERENCE RUSSELL C. SCHALK, JR.

The Securities and Exchange Commission issued an Order Instituting Administrative and Cease-and-Desist Proceedings (OIP) in this matter on April 17, 2015. According to the OIP, Respondent submitted an Offer of Settlement, which the Commission determined to accept, and consented to disgorgement of \$1,472,959, prejudgment interest of \$280,271.55, and a third-tier civil penalty of \$1,600,000. OIP at 13. The OIP orders additional proceedings to determine Respondent's ability to pay.

A prehearing conference was held today, attended by the Division of Enforcement and Mr. Schalk. By June 16, 2015: (1) the Division shall file a declaration of service establishing service on Mr. Schalk; and (2) Mr. Schalk shall send a letter to my Office at alj@sec.gov, copying the Division, stating whether he wishes to proceed by hearing or by motion.

James E. Grimes Administrative Law Judge