

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

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS RULINGS
Release No. 3022/August 7, 2015

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING
File No. 3-16657

In the Matter of

WELHOUSE & ASSOCIATES, INC., AND
MARK P. WELHOUSE

STAY ORDER

On August 6, 2015, the Division of Enforcement submitted a Joint Report of the Parties. The Report states that the parties held an initial prehearing conference on July 29, 2015, and since then, have reached an agreement in principle to settle the proceeding. Report at 1. The Report notes that the parties are hopeful that the settlement will be approved by the Commission and request that I vacate the previously imposed prehearing schedule and hold the proceeding in abeyance until the first week of October. *Id.* at 1-2; *see Welhouse & Assocs., Inc.*, Admin. Proc. Ruling Release No. 2981, 2015 SEC LEXIS 3069 (July 28, 2015).

I construe the Report as including a joint motion requesting a stay pursuant to 17 C.F.R. § 201.161(c)(2)(i). I find that the parties have agreed in principle to a settlement on all major terms consistent with 17 C.F.R. § 201.161(c)(2).

The joint motion to stay is GRANTED and the proceeding is STAYED, subject to compliance with 17 C.F.R. § 201.161(c)(2). If any of the requirements of 17 C.F.R. § 201.161(c)(2) are not met, the parties must promptly notify my Office and the stay shall lapse.

Jason S. Patil
Administrative Law Judge