

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

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS RULINGS
Release No. 3669/March 3, 2016

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING
File No. 3-17117

In the Matter of

GREGORY L. MERRICK

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POSTPONEMENT ORDER

The Securities and Exchange Commission instituted this proceeding with an Order Instituting Proceedings (OIP) on February 12, 2016, pursuant to Sections 15(b)(6) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and 203(f) of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, and the hearing was scheduled to commence on March 8, 2016. The proceeding is a follow-on proceeding based on an order of the Ohio Department of Commerce, Division of Securities, ordering Respondent Gregory L. Merrick to cease and desist from state securities law violations and revoking his investment adviser representative license and the investment adviser license of a Commission-registered broker-dealer with which Merrick was associated.

Merrick was served with the OIP in accordance with 17 C.F.R. § 201.141(a)(2)(i) on February 25, 2016. To allow time for his Answer,¹ consistent with 17 C.F.R. § 201.161, the hearing will be postponed *sine die*, and a prehearing conference will be held by telephone on April 1, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. EDT, if the proceeding has not been resolved by then.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

/S/ Carol Fox Foelak
Carol Fox Foelak
Administrative Law Judge

¹ Merrick's Answer is due within twenty days of service on him. See OIP at 2; 17 C.F.R. § 201.220(b). If he fails to file an Answer within the time provided, he will be deemed to be in default, and the undersigned will enter an order barring him from the securities industry. See OIP at 2-3; 17 C.F.R. §§ 201.155(a), .220(f).