

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

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS RULINGS
Release No. 3819/May 3, 2016

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING
File No. 3-17131

In the Matter of

MARK A. LOPEZ

ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION OF
BRIEFING DATE

This proceeding began with an order instituting proceedings (OIP) on February 24, 2016. Respondent received the OIP, and participated in a prehearing conference on March 21, 2016, but has not filed an answer, as required. *See Mark A. Lopez*, Admin. Proc. Rulings Release No. 3726, 2016 SEC LEXIS 1060 (ALJ Mar. 22, 2016). On April 25, 2016, I ordered Respondent to show cause by May 5, 2016, why this proceeding should not be determined against him due to his failure to file an answer or otherwise defend this proceeding, and I ordered the Division of Enforcement to file an appropriate dispositive motion by May 9, 2016. *Mark A. Lopez*, Admin. Proc. Ruling No. 3806, 2016 SEC LEXIS 1512.

On May 2, 2016, the Division filed a motion to extend the due date for its dispositive motion from May 9 to May 20, 2016, because the type of motion it files will depend on whether Respondent files an answer or responds to the order to show cause by May 5, and the Division faces logistical problems in assembling the motion and exhibits by May 9.

Ruling

I will not wait for opposition to the motion because time is short and Respondent will not be disadvantaged by my ruling. For good cause shown, I GRANT the motion because the request has a reasonable basis and the extension is for a brief period of time. The due date for the Division's dispositive motion is extended to May 20, 2016.

Brenda P. Murray
Chief Administrative Law Judge