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

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS RULINGS Release No. 4558/January 27, 2017

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING File No. 3-16839

In the Matter of

DANIEL R. BARTHOLOMEW and KARL I. HJELVIK

ORDER DISMISSING PROCEEDING

On September 28, 2015, the Securities and Exchange Commission issued an order instituting proceedings against Respondents, directing me to hold a public hearing regarding possible civil penalties following the entry of a final judgment against the last remaining defendant(s) in *SEC v. Cook*, No. 15-cv-864 (D.N.M.). Given that the complaint in *Cook* was filed on September 28, 2015, I postponed the hearing in this matter and ordered the Division of Enforcement to apprise my office of significant developments in *Cook*, including when entry of a final judgment against the last remaining defendant(s) occurred. *Daniel R. Bartholomew*, Admin. Proc. Rulings Release No. 3207, 2015 SEC LEXIS 4117 (ALJ Oct. 7, 2015).

Yesterday, the Division submitted a notice that final judgment was entered on January 25, 2017, against the last remaining defendant in *Cook*, and that the Division will not seek civil penalties against Respondents in this proceeding. Accordingly, the Division believes this proceeding to be resolved.

I agree and therefore ORDER this proceeding DISMISSED.

James E. Grimes Administrative Law Judge