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

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In the Matter of

HYDROCARB ENERGY CORP.

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

On February 17, 2017, the Securities and Exchange Commission issued an order instituting proceedings (OIP) pursuant to Section 12(j) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. On March 20, 2017, the Division of Enforcement submitted a declaration of service, establishing that Respondent was served with the OIP by, at the latest, March 2, 2017, in accordance with 17 C.F.R. § 201.141(a)(2)(ii). As such, Respondent's answer was due by March 15, 2017. OIP at 2; 17 C.F.R. §§ 201.160, .220(b). To date, Respondent has not filed an answer.

Accordingly, Respondent is ORDERED to SHOW CAUSE by April 3, 2017, why the registration of its securities should not be revoked by default due to its failure to answer the OIP or otherwise defend this proceeding. If Respondent fails to respond to this order, it will be deemed in default and the registration of its securities will be revoked. OIP at 2-3; 17 C.F.R. §§ 201.155(a)(2), .220(f).

Jason S. Patil Administrative Law Judge