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

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ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING File No. 3-17856

In the Matter of

JOHN AUSTIN GIBSON, JR.

ORDER FOLLOWING PREHEARING CONFERENCE

On March 31, 2017, I held a prehearing conference at which counsel for the Division of Enforcement appeared. Respondent did not appear. By April 7, 2017, the Division will file a memorandum of law addressing the issue of service of the order instituting proceedings on Respondent. After considering this filing, I will rule on whether service was effected on March 4, 2017.

James E. Grimes Administrative Law Judge