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

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Administrative Proceeding File No. 3-17950

In the Matter of

David Pruitt, CPA

Notice to the Parties and Order Ratifying Stay

On November 30, 2017, the Securities and Exchange Commission issued a decision ratifying the appointments of its administrative law judges. See Pending Admin. Proc., Securities Act of 1933 Release No. 10440, 2017 SEC LEXIS 2724, https://www.sec.gov/litigation/opinions/2017/33-10440.pdf (the Order). For pending cases in which no initial decision has been issued, the Commission directed that I take certain actions in cases assigned to me, including granting the parties "until January 5, 2018 to submit any new evidence the parties deem relevant to [my] reexamination of the record." Id. at 1. For good cause, I may modify the deadlines in the Order. Id. at 2.

This case is currently stayed pending Commission consideration of Respondent's offer of settlement. Considering the foregoing, I ratify my order staying this proceeding. *See Wilkes-Barre Hosp. Co. v. NLRB*, 857 F.3d 364, 371–72 (D.C. Cir. 2017). In light of the procedural posture of this case, I determine that the deadlines in the Order do not apply.

James E. Grimes Administrative Law Judge