## 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 Reassignment** 

The Securities and Exchange Commission initiated this proceeding on February 23, 2017, when it issued an order instituting proceedings (OIP). On June 20, 2017, an administrative Law judge issued an Initial Decision on Default. John Austin Gibson, Initial Decision Release No. 1147, 2017 SEC LEXIS 1838. The initial decision became final on October 3, 2017. John Austin Gibson, Exchange Act Release No. 81808, 2017 SEC LEXIS 3145. This proceeding was assigned to me following the Securities and Exchange Commission's order dated August 22, 2018, which vacated the finality order. Pending Admin. Proc., Securities Act of 1933 Release No. 10536, 2018 SEC LEXIS 2058 (Aug. 22, 2018); Pending Admin. Proc., Admin. Proc. Rulings Release No. 5955, 2018 SEC LEXIS 2264 (Sept. 12, 2018).

I direct the parties to submit proposals for the conduct of further proceedings by October 9, 2018. If the Division of Enforcement is unable to contact Respondent, it should submit a notice to that effect by October 9. If Respondent fails to participate by not submitting a proposal, and I find that he has been served with the OIP but never filed an answer, he will be subject to an initial decision of default against him. *Pending Admin. Proc.*, 2018 SEC LEXIS 2058, at \*4; 17 C.F.R. §§ 201.155(a)(2), .220(f).

Brenda P. Murray Chief Administrative Law Judge