

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

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS RULINGS
Release No. 6083/September 26, 2018

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING
File No. 3-18201

In the Matter of

HAMPSHIRE GROUP, LIMITED, :
UNited MORTGAGE TRUST, INC., and : ORDER
ZOOM COMPANIES, INC. :

The Securities and Exchange Commission instituted this proceeding with an Order Instituting Proceedings (OIP), pursuant to Section 12(j) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 on September 22, 2017. Only Hampshire Group, Limited (Respondent), remains in the proceeding.¹ On November 2, 2017, an Initial Decision of Default revoked the registration of its registered securities. *Hampshire Grp.*, Initial Decision No. 1220, 2017 SEC LEXIS 3497 (A.L.J.).

Thereafter, the proceeding was stayed: On June 21, 2018, “[i]n light of the Supreme Court’s decision in *Lucia v. SEC*,” 138 S. Ct. 2044 (2018), the Commission stayed all pending administrative proceedings, including this one; the stay was operative through August 22, 2018. *Pending Admin. Proc.*, Securities Act of 1933 Release Nos. 10510, 2018 SEC LEXIS 1490; 10522, 2018 SEC LEXIS 1774 (July 20, 2018). On August 22, 2018, the Commission ended the stay and ordered a new hearing in each affected proceeding before an administrative law judge who had not previously participated in the proceeding, unless the parties expressly agreed to alternative procedures, including agreeing that the proceeding remain with the previous presiding administrative law judge. *Pending Admin. Proc.*, Securities Act Release No. 10536, 2018 SEC LEXIS 2058, at *2-3 (August 22 Order). Accordingly, the proceeding was reassigned to the undersigned. *Pending Admin. Proc.*, Admin. Proc. Rulings Release No. 5955, 2018 SEC LEXIS 2264 (C.A.L.J. Sept. 12, 2018).

The OIP provides that each Respondent’s Answer is due within ten days of service of the OIP on it. *See* OIP at 3; 17 C.F.R. § 201.220(b). The undersigned has independently determined that Respondent was served with the OIP on October 6, 2017, by U.S. Postal Service Express

¹ The proceeding has ended as to United Mortgage Trust, Inc., and Zoom Companies, Inc., which settled. *Hampshire Grp.*, Exchange Act Release Nos. 81873, 2017 SEC LEXIS 3294 (Oct. 13, 2017); 81912, 2017 SEC LEXIS 3353 (Oct. 19, 2017).

Mail attempted delivery at “the most recent address shown on [its] most recent filing with the Commission.” 17 C.F.R. § 201.141(a)(2)(ii). To date, Respondent has failed to file an Answer.

In view of the reassignment of the proceeding, Respondent will be afforded a new opportunity to file an Answer, which will be due by October 12, 2018. If Respondent fails to file an Answer within the time provided, it will be deemed to be in default, and the undersigned will enter an order revoking the registration of its securities. *See* OIP at 3. If Respondent files an Answer, it and the Division of Enforcement should submit proposals for the conduct of further proceedings by October 26, 2018. The proposal may include resolving the proceeding by motion[s] for summary disposition pursuant to 17 C.F.R. § 201.250(b). If Respondent files an Answer but fails to submit a proposal (or to participate in a joint proposal), it will be deemed to be in default, and the undersigned will enter an order revoking the registration of its securities. *See* August 22 Order, 2018 SEC LEXIS 2058, at *4.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

/S/ Carol Fox Foelak
Carol Fox Foelak
Administrative Law Judge