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

Administrative Proceedings Rulings Release No. 6189 / October 15, 2018

Administrative Proceeding File No. 3-15168

In the Matter of

John J. Aesoph, CPA, and Darren M. Bennett, CPA

Stay Order

On October 15, 2018, the parties submitted a joint motion to stay this proceeding based upon their agreement in principle to a settlement that will resolve the proceeding on all major terms.

For good cause shown, it is ORDERED that the joint motion is GRANTED, and the proceeding is STAYED, subject to compliance with Rule of Practice 161(c)(2), 17 C.F.R. § 201.161(c)(2), requiring that this office be notified promptly if any requirements of the Rule are not met.

James E. Grimes Administrative Law Judge