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

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Administrative Proceeding File No. 3-18535

In the Matter of

Richard W. Kessler

Order Following Prehearing Conference

A prehearing conference was held on October 19, 2018, attended by both parties. Based on the parties' representations, a settlement appears to be imminent. The parties should jointly move for a stay if they agree to settle. If a settlement is not reached, the Division of Enforcement shall file a status report by November 2, 2018.

Cameron Elliot Administrative Law Judge