

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

Administrative Proceedings Rulings
Release No. 6253 / October 25, 2018

Administrative Proceeding
File No. 3-18550

In the Matter of

**Escalera Resources Co., and
Force Minerals Corp.**

**Order Finding Service and
Scheduling Prehearing
Conference**

On June 19, 2018, the Securities and Exchange Commission issued an order instituting proceedings (OIP) against Respondents under Section 12(j) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. The proceeding was reassigned to me on September 12, 2018. *Pending Admin. Proc.*, Admin. Proc. Rulings Release No. 5955, 2018 SEC LEXIS 2264, at *2–3 (ALJ). The parties were provided the opportunity to propose how further proceedings should be conducted. *Escalera Res. Co.*, Admin. Proc. Rulings Release No. 6010, 2018 SEC LEXIS 2390 (ALJ Sept. 18, 2018). Neither Respondent filed a proposal. The Division of Enforcement represents that counsel for Escalera Resources Co. stated that the company would not contest the revocation of its registration. The Division was unable to reach Force Minerals Corp.

On June 25, 2018, the Division submitted a declaration of service demonstrating that it served Respondents with the OIP by June 22, 2018, by mailing the OIP by U.S. Postal Service Priority Mail Express to each Respondent's most recent address shown on its most recent filing with the Commission. The Division's submission establishes that Respondents were served in accordance with Rule of Practice 141(a)(2)(ii). *See* 17 C.F.R. § 201.141(a)(2)(ii).

The Commission stayed this proceeding in June 2018. *Pending Admin. Proc.*, Securities Act of 1933 Release No. 10510, 2018 SEC LEXIS 1490 (June 21, 2018). In a later order, the Commission allowed the stay to expire and provided that “[a]ny pending deadlines”—which would include the deadline for Respondents’ answers—“are hereby vacated.” *Pending Admin. Proc.*, Securities Act Release No. 10536, 2018 SEC LEXIS 2058, at *3 (Aug. 22,

2018). In light of the Commission's order, Respondents are given until November 5, 2018, to file an answer to the OIP. *See* OIP at 3; 17 C.F.R. §§ 201.161(a), .220(b).

I FURTHER ORDER that a telephonic prehearing conference will be held on November 15, 2018, at 3:30 p.m. EST.

James E. Grimes
Administrative Law Judge