

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

Administrative Proceedings Rulings
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Administrative Proceeding
File No. 3-15168

In the Matter of

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

**Order Scheduling
Prehearing Conference**

On October 26, 2018, the Division of Enforcement submitted a notification regarding pending settlement. The Division received signed settlement offers on September 28, 2018, but did not submit them to the Commission for consideration within the twenty-business-day deadline for doing so. Therefore, by operation of Rule 161, the stay has lapsed. 17 C.F.R. § 201.161(c)(2)(i)(B), (ii).

I ORDER a telephonic prehearing conference for 3:00 p.m. EST on November 19, 2018, to discuss how to proceed. The Division shall circulate dial-in instructions in advance of the conference.

James E. Grimes
Administrative Law Judge