

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Before the
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
Release No. 71942 / April 14, 2014

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING
File No. 3-15838

In the Matter of

STEVEN J. LITTLE,

Respondent.

**ORDER INSTITUTING
ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS
PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(b) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
MAKING FINDINGS, AND IMPOSING
REMEDIAL SANCTIONS**

I.

The Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) deems it appropriate and in the public interest that public administrative proceedings be, and hereby are, instituted pursuant to Section 15(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Exchange Act”) against Steven J. Little (“Little” or “Respondent”).

II.

In anticipation of the institution of these proceedings, Respondent has submitted an Offer of Settlement (the “Offer”) which the Commission has determined to accept. Solely for the purpose of these proceedings and any other proceedings brought by or on behalf of the Commission, or to which the Commission is a party and without admitting or denying the findings herein, except as to the Commission’s jurisdiction over him and the subject matter of these proceedings and the findings contained in Section III.2 below, which are admitted, Respondent consents to the entry of this Order Instituting Administrative Proceedings Pursuant to Section 15(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 Making Findings, and Imposing Remedial Sanctions (“Order”), as set forth below.

III.

On the basis of this Order and Respondent’s Offer, the Commission finds that:

1. Little, 53 years old, resides in Southlake, Texas. He is the principal of Neveah Energy, LLC (“Neveah”). On June 18, 1985, Little entered into a Stipulation and Consent Cease and Desist Order with the State of Florida, Office of Financial Regulation, Division of Securities in which he agreed not to sell or offer for sale any unregistered oil and gas securities in, or from offices in, Florida unless properly registered. In the mid-1980’s, Little briefly held a Series 6 and Series 26 license and was a registered representative of a broker-dealer. Little is not currently registered with the Commission or FINRA.

2. On March 31, 2014, a judgment was entered by consent against Little, permanently enjoining him from future violations of Sections 17(a)(2) & (3), 5(a), and 5(c) of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 15(a) of the Exchange Act, in the civil action entitled Securities and Exchange Commission v. Joshua D. Spivey, et al., Civil Action Number 3:14-CV-1106-D, in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas.

3. The Commission's complaint alleged, among other things, that between September 2009 and May 2010, Little acted as an unregistered broker-dealer and conducted unregistered securities offerings of working interests in Halek Energy, LLC ("Halek Energy") oil and gas projects. The offering documents for Halek Energy contained false and misleading information which operated as a fraud and deceit on investors. In connection with these offerings, Little received sales commissions.

IV.

In view of the foregoing, the Commission deems it appropriate and in the public interest to impose the sanctions agreed to in Respondent's Offer.

Accordingly, it is hereby ORDERED pursuant to Section 15(b)(6) of the Exchange Act that Respondent Little be, and hereby is:

barred from association with any broker, dealer, investment adviser, municipal securities dealer, municipal advisor, transfer agent, or nationally recognized statistical rating organization; barred from participating in any offering of a penny stock, including: acting as a promoter, finder, consultant, agent or other person who engages in activities with a broker, dealer or issuer for purposes of the issuance or trading in any penny stock, or inducing or attempting to induce the purchase or sale of any penny stock.

Any reapplication for association by the Respondent will be subject to the applicable laws and regulations governing the reentry process, and reentry may be conditioned upon a number of factors, including, but not limited to, the satisfaction of any or all of the following: (a) any disgorgement ordered against the Respondent, whether or not the Commission has fully or partially waived payment of such disgorgement; (b) any arbitration award related to the conduct that served as the basis for the Commission order; (c) any self-regulatory organization arbitration award to a customer, whether or not related to the conduct that served as the basis for the Commission order; and (d) any restitution order by a self-regulatory organization, whether or not related to the conduct that served as the basis for the Commission order.

By the Commission.

Jill M. Peterson
Assistant Secretary