## UNITED STATES OF AMERICA Before the SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION



ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING File No. 3-16263

In the Matter of

Joshua Wayne Lankford,

Respondent.

THE DIVISION OF ENFORCEMENT'S MOTION FOR A STAY OF PROCEEDINGS

## DIVISION OF ENFORCEMENT MOTION FOR STAY OF PROCEEDINGS PENDING COMMISSION CONSIDERATION OF OFFER OF SETTLEMENT AND BRIEF IN SUPPORT

The Division of Enforcement, pursuant to Rule of Practice 154(a) hereby respectfully move for a stay of this proceeding based upon the parties' agreement in principle to a settlement of this proceeding in all major terms.

## **BRIEF IN SUPPORT**

As noted in the Division's recently filed Motion for Sanctions Against the Respondent, the Respondent had offered to settle this proceeding and we sent him a proposed offer of settlement. At the time that we filed our Motion for Sanctions in this matter, we had not received a response to our offer.

We now have a signed and notarized offer from the Respondent and, therefore, we submit that a stay of this proceeding is appropriate so that we can present the Respondent's offer to the Commission for its approval.

Dated: January 28, 2015

Respectfully submitted,

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