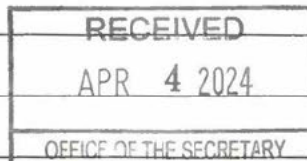


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CONTAINED IN THIS CORRESPONDENCE WERE SPECIFIC REASONS WHY I COULD NOT PARTICIPATE IN TELEPHONIC HEARINGS, TRIALS, OR FURTHER PROCEEDINGS WITHOUT APPOINTED COUNSEL. FURTHER, IT STATED THAT I WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO EFFECTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN ANY FURTHER PROCEEDINGS UNTIL SUCH A TIME AS COUNSEL IS

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APPOINTED. THIS STATEMENT WAS NOT AND SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED AS A BLANKET STATEMENT TO REFUSE PARTICIPATION, RATHER IT IS ONCE AGAIN A DEMAND FOR APPOINTED COUNSEL AS I (RESPONDENT) AM NOT KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION PROCEEDINGS TO EFFECTIVELY REPRESENT MYSELF.

THE WRITER (DIVISION COUNSEL LYNN M. DEAN, ESQ.) HAS DIRECT AND FIRST HAND KNOWLEDGE OF WHY I AM UNABLE TO EFFECTIVELY REPRESENT MYSELF IN SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION PROCEEDINGS. NO FURTHER CORRESPONDENCE HAS BEEN RECEIVED, NOR HAS THE ABOVE-MENTIONED DOCUMENT BEEN AMENDED TO ACCURATELY DESCRIBE AND EXPLAIN THE REASONS FOR MY REFUSAL TO PARTICIPATE WITHOUT COUNSEL (APPOINTED).

THE DIVISION COUNSEL THEREFORE, DOES AND REFUSES TO ACCURATELY PROVIDE ACCURATE INFORMATION ABOUT RESPONDENT'S REFUSAL. THUS, THE VERACITY OF ANY INFORMATION PROVIDED TO THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION BY DIVISION COUNSEL LYNN M. DEAN, ESQ SHOULD BE CONSIDERED SUSPECT. ADDITIONALLY, GIVEN THIS EGREGIOUS BEHAVIOR, SANCTIONS SHOULD BE IMPOSED ON BOTH THE DIVISION COUNSEL AND DIVISION OF ENFORCEMENT.

AS A COURTESY, AND ALSO TO PLACATE THE DIVISION OF ENFORCEMENT AS RELATES TO MY COMPREHENSION AND COMPETENCY TO REPRESENT MYSELF, I HAVE NO UNDERSTANDING OR KNOWLEDGE OF THE PRE-HEARING PROCESS INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO WITNESS AND EXHIBIT LISTS, OBJECTIONS TO EXHIBITS, PRE-HEARING BRIEFS, FINAL PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE(S), SUMMARY OF DISPOSITION MOTION, AND OPPOSITION AND REPLY TO SUMMARY DISPOSITION.

TO PLACE MYSELF (RESPONDENT) IN A POSITION WHERE I AM FORCED TO REPRESENT MYSELF WOULD BE PREJUDICIAL. THIS APPEARS ON ITS FACE TO BE A SERIOUS MATTER ONE IN WHICH I AM ILL-INFORMED TO PARTICIPATE IN WITHOUT APPOINTED COUNSEL.

SINCERELY,

MATTHEW J SKINNER