UNITED STATES OF AMERICA Before the SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING File No. 3-21973

In the Matter of

NICOLE J. WALKER,

Respondent.

JOINT MOTION TO STAY PROCEEDING PENDING THE COMMISSION'S CONSIDERATION OF SETTLEMENT OFFER

Pursuant to Rule 161(c)(2) of the Commission's Rules of Practice, 17 C.F.R. § 201.161(c)(2), the Division of Enforcement (the "Division") and Respondent Nicole J. Walker ("Respondent"), respectfully move to stay this administrative proceeding pending the Commission's consideration of Respondent's offer of settlement. In support of this motion, the parties state:

- 1. On June 18, 2024, the Commission issued an Order Instituting Administrative Proceedings Pursuant to Section 15(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Notice of Hearing ("OIP") against Respondent. On February 14, 2025, Respondent filed her Answer to the OIP.
- 2. The parties held a prehearing conference on February 28, 2025, and filed a joint statement regarding it on March 13, 2025. Since then, the parties have engaged in settlement discussions, as described in their periodic status reports filed pursuant to the Commission's June 13, 2025 Order.
- 3. On November 14, 2025, Respondent provided a signed offer of settlement to the Division for the Commission's consideration.

- 4. A stay is warranted in light of the proposed settlement posture of this proceeding.
 Furthermore, the proposed stay would likely conserve the time and resources of the Commission and the parties.
- Accordingly, the parties respectfully request a stay of this proceeding and all associated deadlines pending the Commission's consideration of Respondent's offer of settlement.
 November 20, 2025

Respectfully submitted,

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