UNITED STATES OF AMERICA before the SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 Release No. 82500 / January 12, 2018

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING File No. 3-13678

In the Matter of the Application of

JOHN M.E. SAAD

For Review of Disciplinary Action Taken by

Financial Industry Regulatory Authority

EXTENSION ORDER

Petitioner John M.E. Saad has requested an extension of time, pursuant to Rule 161 of the Commission's Rules of Practice, up to and including February 20, 2018, to file his brief in support of his application for review.

Extensions of time are disfavored. However, it appears appropriate, in light of the circumstances, to grant the requested extension. Therefore,

It is ORDERED that the time for petitioner to file his opening brief is extended to February 20, 2018. The brief in opposition is due March 22, 2018 and the reply brief, if any, is due April 5, 2018.

For the Commission, by its Secretary, pursuant to delegated authority.¹

Jill M. Peterson Assistant Secretary

¹ 17 C.F.R. §§ 200.30-7(a)(4), 200.30-14(g)(1)(vii).