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

SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 Release No. 88821 / May 6, 2020

Admin. Proc. File No. 3-19740

In the Matter of

DONALD J. FOWLER

Respondent.

## ORDER GRANTING AN EXTENSION OF TIME

On March 31, 2020, the Securities and Exchange Commission issued an order instituting administrative proceedings ("OIP") against Donald J. Fowler ("Respondent") pursuant to Section 15(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Respondent was served with the OIP on April 9, 2020. On April 28, 2020, Respondent filed a Brief for Stay and General Denial. On April 30, 2020, the parties filed a Joint Stipulation agreeing to an extension of time for Respondent to file his answer from April 29, 2020, to June 12, 2020. As part of the stipulation, the parties agreed that a prehearing conference shall be held on or before June 5, 2020, and Respondent withdrew, without prejudice, his Brief for Stay and General Denial.

On March 18, 2020, the Commission issued an order providing that, pending further order of the Commission, reasonable requests for extensions of time will not be disfavored as stated in Commission Rule of Practice 161.<sup>2</sup> Under the circumstances, it appears appropriate to

Donald J. Fowler, Exchange Act Release No. 88529, 2020 WL 1545537 (Mar. 31, 2020).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Pending Administrative Proceedings, Exchange Act Release No. 88415, 2020 WL 1322001, at \*1 (Mar. 18, 2020).

grant the requested extension for good cause shown.<sup>3</sup> Therefore, it is ORDERED that the time for filing an answer to the OIP is extended to June 12, 2020.

For the Commission, by the Office of the General Counsel, pursuant to delegated authority.

Vanessa A. Countryman Secretary

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> See Rule of Practice 161, 17 C.F.R. § 201.161.