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

## SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 Release No. 90150 / October 9, 2020

INVESTMENT ADVISERS ACT OF 1940 Release No. 5611 / October 9, 2020

Admin. Proc. File No. 3-19838

In the Matter of

## JOHN CHRISTOPHER POLIT,

Respondent.

## ORDER GRANTING AN EXTENSION OF TIME

On June 29, 2020, the Securities and Exchange Commission issued an order instituting proceedings against John Christopher Polit ("Respondent") pursuant to Section 15(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Section 203(f) of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940.<sup>1</sup> On September 28, 2020, after being served with the OIP, Respondent filed a Motion for Dismissal without Prejudice or, in the Alternative, for Extension of Time to Respond to Order Instituting Proceedings.

On October 5, 2020, the Division of Enforcement requested a three-week extension of time, until October 26, 2020, to file its response to Respondent's Motion. In support of its request, the Division states that "Respondent's Motion raises novel issues . . . [regarding] a foreign proceeding and may require the Division to consult with other offices within the Commission in order to prepare its Response" and that its extension request "is not being made for the purposes of delay." The Division states that "Respondent has no objection to the extension sought."

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> John Christopher Polit, Exchange Act Release No. 89171, 2020 WL 3529893 (June 29, 2020).

stated in Commission Rule of Practice 161.<sup>2</sup> It appears appropriate to grant the requested extension for good cause shown.<sup>3</sup> Therefore, it is ORDERED that the time for the Division to file its response to Respondent's Motion for Dismissal without Prejudice, or, in the Alternative, for Extension of Time to Respond to Order Instituting Proceedings is extended to October 26, 2020.

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

Vanessa A. Countryman Secretary

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

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