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

## SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 Release No. 95999 / October 6, 2022

Admin. Proc. File No. 3-19606

In the Matter of

THOMAS H. VETTER

## ORDER REGARDING PREHEARING CONFERENCE

The Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") issued an Order Instituting Proceedings ("OIP") on November 22, 2019, pursuant to Section 15(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, against Thomas H. Vetter.<sup>1</sup> The OIP directed the parties to conduct a prehearing conference within 14 days of service of Vetter's answer to the OIP and, following the conference, to file a statement with the Office of the Secretary advising the Commission of any agreements reached at said conference.<sup>2</sup> If a prehearing conference was not held, the parties were ordered to file a statement advising the Commission of that fact and of the efforts made to meet and confer.<sup>3</sup> Vetter filed an answer with the Commission on December 11, 2019, and the Division of Enforcement subsequently filed a motion for summary disposition on January 25, 2021, but the parties have not filed any statement regarding a prehearing conference.<sup>4</sup>

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that by October 20, 2022, the parties shall file a statement with the Office of the Secretary advising the Commission of any agreements reached at the prehearing conference specified in the OIP. If a prehearing conference was not held, the parties shall file by that date a statement, jointly or separately, advising the Commission of that fact and of the efforts made to meet and confer. Pursuant to Rule of Practice 180(c), a party's failure to file to comply with this order may result in the Commission's determination of the matter at

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> *Thomas H. Vetter*, Exchange Act Release No. 87604, 2019 WL 6251284 (Nov. 22, 2019).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> *Id.* at \*2.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> *Id.* 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Vetter has not filed a response to the motion for summary disposition.

issue against that party, entry of a default, dismissal of the proceeding, or the prohibition of the introduction of evidence or the exclusion of testimony regarding the matter at issue.<sup>5</sup>

The parties' attention is directed to the most recent amendments to the Commission's Rules of Practice, which took effect on April 12, 2021, and which include new e-filing requirements.<sup>6</sup>

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

Vanessa A. Countryman Secretary

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> 17 C.F.R. § 201.180(c).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Amendments to the Commission's Rules of Practice, Exchange Act Release No. 90442, 2020 WL 7013370 (Nov. 17, 2020), 85 Fed. Reg. 86,464, 86,474 (Dec. 30, 2020), <u>https://www.sec.gov/rules/final/2020/34-90442a.pdf</u>; Instructions for Electronic Filing and Service of Documents in SEC Administrative Proceedings and Technical Specifications, <u>https://www.sec.gov/efapdocs/instructions.pdf</u>. The amendments impose other obligations such as a new redaction and omission of sensitive personal information requirement. Amendments to the Commission's Rules of Practice, 85 Fed. Reg. at 86,465-81.