UNITED STATES OF AMERICA before the SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

INVESTMENT ADVISERS ACT OF 1940 Release No. 6200 / December 6, 2022

Admin. Proc. File No. 3-21143

In the Matter of

ELBERT L. HARDIMAN, JR.

ORDER REGARDING SERVICE

The Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") issued an order instituting administrative proceedings ("OIP") on September 23, 2022, pursuant to Section 203(f) of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, against Elbert L. Hardiman, Jr.¹ It appears that there have been no filings in this proceeding since issuance of the OIP, including as to whether the OIP was served upon Hardiman. To assist the Office of the Secretary in maintaining a record of service that establishes that the OIP has been properly served,² IT IS ORDERED that the Division of Enforcement file a status report concerning service of the OIP by December 20, 2022, and every 28 days thereafter until service is accomplished.

The parties' attention is directed to the e-filing requirements in the Rules of Practice.³

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

Vanessa A. Countryman Secretary

¹ *Elbert L. Hardiman, Jr.*, Advisers Act Release No. 6145, 2022 WL 4445483 (Sept. 23, 2022).

² See Rule of Practice 141(a)(3), 17 C.F.R. § 201.141(a)(3).

³ 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 redaction and omission of sensitive personal information requirement. Amendments to the Commission's Rules of Practice, 85 Fed. Reg. at 86,465–81.