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

SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 Release No. 102311 / January 31, 2025

Admin. Proc. File No. 3-21973

## In the Matter of

## NICOLE J. WALKER

## ORDER DISCHARGING ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE AND GRANTING EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE ANSWER

On June 18, 2024, the Securities and Exchange Commission issued an order instituting administrative proceedings ("OIP") against Nicole J. Walker pursuant to Section 15(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Walker failed to timely answer the OIP and was ordered to show cause why she should not be deemed in default. On January 17, 2025, Walker filed a motion for an extension of time to file an answer to the OIP of ten days after the Commission grants her motion. Walker states that when the OIP was served on her, she "was transitioning from legal counsel to self-representation" and misunderstood the filing requirements set forth in the OIP. The Division does not take a position on Walker's motion.

Under the circumstances, it appears appropriate to grant Walker's request for good cause shown.<sup>3</sup>

Accordingly, it is ORDERED that the order to show cause is discharged, and that Walker is not deemed in default at this time. It is FURTHER ORDERED that Walker shall file her answer to the OIP by February 14, 2025.

The parties' attention is directed to the e-filing requirements in the Rules of Practice.<sup>4</sup> We also remind Walker of the need to file with the Commission, and keep current, an email

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Nicole J. Walker, Exchange Act Release No. 100383, 2024 WL 3054131 (June 18, 2024).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Nicole J. Walker, Exchange Act Release No. 101818, 2024 WL 5007259 (Dec. 5, 2024).

See Rule of Practice 161, 17 C.F.R. § 201.161; see also Pending Administrative Proceedings, Exchange Act Release No. 88415, 2020 WL 1322001, at \*1 (Mar. 18, 2020) (stating that "pending further order of the Commission, all reasonable requests for extensions of time will not be disfavored as stated in Rule 161" (citing 17 C.F.R. § 201.161(b)(1))).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> See Rules of Practice 151, 152(a), 17 C.F.R. §§ 201.151, .152(a) (providing procedure for filing papers with the Commission and mandating electronic filing in the form and manner

address, a mailing address, and a business-hours telephone number.<sup>5</sup> We also remind each party of the need to serve each filing by sending it to the email address the other party has provided to the Commission and the parties.<sup>6</sup>

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

Vanessa A. Countryman Secretary

posted on the Commission's website); *Instructions for Electronic Filing and Service of Documents in SEC Administrative Proceedings and Technical Specifications*, <a href="https://www.sec.gov/efapdocs/instructions.pdf">https://www.sec.gov/efapdocs/instructions.pdf</a>. Parties generally also must certify that they have redacted or omitted sensitive personal information from any filing. Rule of Practice 151(e), 17 C.F.R. § 201.151(e).

<sup>5</sup> See Rule of Practice 102(d)(1), 17 C.F.R. § 201.102(d)(1) (providing this requirement).

See Rule of Practice 150(c), 17 C.F.R. § 201.150(c); Instructions for Electronic Filing and Service of Documents in SEC Administrative Proceedings and Technical Specifications, <a href="https://www.sec.gov/efapdocs/instructions.pdf">https://www.sec.gov/efapdocs/instructions.pdf</a>.