

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Before the
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
Release No. 64124 / March 24, 2011

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING
File No. 3-14306

In the Matter of

KEVIN HALTER,

Respondent.

ORDER INSTITUTING
ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS
PURSUANT TO SECTION 17A(c)(4)(C)
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT
OF 1934, MAKING FINDINGS, AND
IMPOSING REMEDIAL SANCTIONS

I.

The Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) deems it appropriate and in the public interest that public administrative proceedings be, and hereby are, instituted pursuant to Section 17A(c)(4)(C) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Exchange Act”) against Kevin Halter (“Halter” or “Respondent”).

II.

In anticipation of the institution of these proceedings, Halter has submitted an Offer of Settlement (the “Offer”) which the Commission has determined to accept. Solely for the purpose of these proceedings and any other proceedings brought by or on behalf of the Commission, or to which the Commission is a party, and without admitting or denying the findings herein, except as to the Commission’s jurisdiction over him and the subject matter of these proceedings, and the findings contained in Section III.2 and III.3 below, which are admitted, Halter consents to the entry of this Order Instituting Administrative Proceedings Pursuant to Section 17A(c)(4)(C) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Making Findings, and Imposing Remedial Sanctions (“Order”), as set forth below.

III.

On the basis of this Order and Respondent's Offer, the Commission finds that:

1. From at least August 2007 until January of 2009, Halter performed the accounting functions for Securities Transfer Corporation ("STC"), a transfer agent registered with the Commission. This position gave him access to all STC bank accounts, including those maintained on behalf of issuers. Halter, 75 years old, is a resident of Desoto, Texas.

2. On February 17, 2011, a final judgment was entered by consent against Halter permanently enjoining him from aiding and abetting violations of Section 17A(d)(1) of the Exchange Act and Rule 17Ad-12(a)(2) thereunder in the civil action entitled Securities and Exchange Commission v. Kevin Halter, Civil Action Number 3:11-CV-197-N, in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas.

3. The Commission's complaint alleged that during the relevant time period, Halter's son, Kevin Halter, Jr. ("Halter, Jr.") was president of STC. Both Halters were signatories on STC's bank accounts, but Halter, Jr. ceded full responsibility for STC's accounting records and bank accounts to his father. Through the end of 2008, Halter handled all of STC's bank transfers and reconciliations. Halter had electronic access to the STC-controlled bank accounts, and routinely made transfers among those accounts. From August 2007 through November 2008, Halter removed, without client authorization, a total of approximately \$2.7 million from ten STC client accounts to his brokerage account or other business accounts he controlled. After his conduct was discovered as a result of a Commission examination, Halter promptly repaid all misused funds.

IV.

In view of the foregoing, the Commission deems it appropriate and in the public interest to impose the sanctions agreed to in Respondent Halter's Offer.

Accordingly, it is hereby ORDERED:

Pursuant to Section 17A(c)(4)(C) of the Exchange Act, that Respondent Halter be, and hereby is barred from association with any transfer agent, broker, dealer, investment adviser, municipal securities dealer, municipal advisor, or nationally recognized statistical rating organization.

Any reapplication for association by the Halter will be subject to the applicable laws and regulations governing the reentry process, and reentry may be conditioned upon a number of factors, including, but not limited to, the satisfaction of any or all of the following: (a) any

disgorgement ordered against the Halter, whether or not the Commission has fully or partially waived payment of such disgorgement; (b) any arbitration award related to the conduct that served as the basis for the Commission order; (c) any self-regulatory organization arbitration award to a customer, whether or not related to the conduct that served as the basis for the Commission order; and (d) any restitution order by a self-regulatory organization, whether or not related to the conduct that served as the basis for the Commission order.

For the Commission, by its Secretary, pursuant to delegated authority.

Elizabeth M. Murphy
Secretary

Service List

Rule 141 of the Commission's Rules of Practice provides that the Secretary, or another duly authorized officer of the Commission, shall serve a copy of the Order Instituting Administrative Proceedings Pursuant to Section 17A(c)(4)(C) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Making Findings and Imposing Remedial Sanctions ("Order") on the Respondent and his legal agent.

The attached Order has been sent to the following parties and other persons entitled to notice:

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