I.


In connection with these proceedings, White has submitted an Offer of Settlement (“Offer”), which the Commission has determined to accept. Solely for the purpose of settling these proceedings and any other proceedings brought by or on behalf of the Commission or in which the Commission is a party, prior to a hearing pursuant to the Commission’s Rules of Practice, 17 C.F.R. § 201.100 et seq., and without admitting or denying the Commission’s findings contained herein, except as to the jurisdiction of the Commission over him and over the subject matter of these proceedings, and the findings contained in Section II.2 below, which are admitted, White consents to the entry of this Order Making Findings and Imposing Remedial Sanctions Pursuant to Section 15(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Order”), as set forth below.

II.

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

1. White, age 34, resides in Mesa, Arizona. He was associated with Wellco Energy L.L.C. (“Wellco”) from July 2008 through June 2009. He offered and sold fractional undivided interests in oil and gas rights in two projects for which he received commissions of twenty percent
of the funds invested by investors that he solicited. He was engaged in the business of effecting transactions in securities for the account of others. However, during the time period from July 2008 through June 2009, White was not registered with the Commission as a broker or dealer and was not associated with a broker-dealer registered with the Commission.

2. On August 31, 2011, a final judgment was entered against White permanently enjoining him from future violations of Sections 5(a), 5(c), and 17(a) of the Securities Act of 1933, Sections 10(b) and 15(a) of the Exchange Act and Rule 10b-5 thereunder, in the civil action entitled Securities and Exchange Commission v. Wellco Energy L.L.C., et al., civil action number 1:09-CV-1114, in the United States District Court for the District of Colorado.

3. The Commission’s complaint alleged that in connection with White’s sale of fractional undivided interests in oil and gas rights, he made misrepresentations to investors that Wellco was the operator of the oil and gas projects. The complaint alleged that, in fact, Wellco did not operate the projects and instead purchased fractional undivided interests from another company, which interests it further divided and resold to investors. The complaint further alleged it was misrepresented that Wellco’s principal, Justin William Rifkin, had extensive experience operating oil and gas prospects. In fact, the complaint alleged, Rifkin’s experience was limited to raising money through sales of other oil and gas projects, and he had no experience operating oil and gas wells. The complaint further alleged that, in connection with White’s offers and sales, misrepresentations were made about how investors’ funds would be used, and investors were not told that White would receive a twenty percent commission. The complaint also alleged that White sold securities when no registration statement was in effect or filed with the Commission. The complaint further alleged White was not registered or associated with a broker or dealer during the time when he offered and sold the securities at issue in the case.

III.

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

Accordingly, it is ORDERED that pursuant to Section 15(b)(6) of the Exchange Act, Respondent White be, and hereby is barred from association with any broker, dealer, investment adviser, municipal securities dealer, municipal advisor, transfer agent, or nationally recognized statistical rating organization; and barred from participating in any offering of a penny stock, including: acting as a promoter, finder, consultant, agent or other person who engages in activities with a broker, dealer or issuer for purposes of the issuance or trading in any penny stock, or inducing or attempting to induce the purchase or sale of any penny stock.

Any reapplication for association by the Respondent 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 Respondent, 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.

By the Commission.

Elizabeth M. Murphy
Secretary