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 15(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Exchange Act”) against John B. Guyette (“Respondent”).

In anticipation of the institution of these proceedings, Respondent 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 below, which are admitted, Respondent consents to the entry of this Order Instituting Administrative Proceedings Pursuant to Section 15(b) 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. Guyette, age 73, resides in Greeley, Colorado. During the relevant period (at least January 2006 to November 2009), he was also a registered representative associated with Community Bankers Securities, LLC, a subsidiary of AIC, Inc., and a broker-dealer registered with the Commission. During the relevant period, he held Series 7, 24, 27, and 63 securities licenses.

2. On September 10, 2013, a final judgment was entered by consent against Guyette, permanently enjoining him from future violations of Sections 5(a), 5(c), and 17(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act and Rule 10b-5 thereunder, in the civil action entitled Securities and Exchange Commission v. AIC, Inc. et al., Civil Action Number 3:11-cv-00176, in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee.

3. The Commission’s complaint (including as amended, and referred to together as the “complaint”) alleged, among other things, that in connection with the sale of AIC preferred stock and promissory notes, Guyette knew or was reckless in not knowing that he misrepresented and omitted material information concerning the AIC preferred stock and promissory notes. Among other things, and as alleged in the complaint, Guyette failed to disclose to investors the material risks associated with their AIC investments, he never discussed the speculative nature of the investments or the likelihood of loss on the investments, and he misled investors by telling them that AIC investments were safe and that AIC was well-financed and financially secure—all without any reasonable basis. The complaint also alleged that Guyette sold unregistered securities.

IV.

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

Accordingly, it is hereby ORDERED pursuant to Section 15(b)(6) of the Exchange Act that Respondent Guyette be, and hereby is:

barred from association with any broker, dealer, investment adviser, municipal securities dealer, or transfer agent; 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