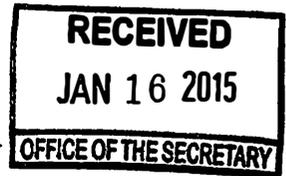


UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Before the
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION



In the Matter of

Admin. File No. 3-15974

NATURAL BLUE RESOURCES, INC.,
JAMES E. COHEN, and
JOSEPH A. CORAZZI

VERIFIED REQUEST FOR
CERTIFICATION FOR
INTERLOCUTORY REVIEW
BY THE COMMISSION

COMES NOW Respondent Joseph A. Corazzi, pro se, and upon first-hand knowledge and under oath pursuant to Rule 400 requests the Administrative Law Judge (“ALJ”) to certify the January 13, 2015 Order in this matter (Rel. No. 2214) denying his Verified Motion to Continue, for review by the Commission. In support of his certification request, Mr. Corazzi alleges and states as follows:

The Division’s Opposition to Mr. Corazzi’s Motion to Continue was served upon all parties on January 12, 2015. Under Rule 154 Mr. Corazzi therefore had 3 days (until January 15, 2015) to file and serve a Reply thereto. The ALJ’s January 13, 2015 Order was therefore premature and effectively preempted Mr. Corazzi from replying to the Division’s Opposition.

When the January 13, 2015 Order was served by the ALJ, Mr. Corazzi was about to file and serve a Reply to the Division’s Opposition under Rules 154 and 161. Therein Mr. Corazzi intended to argue the following:

“The factors to be considered by the Administrative Law Judge (“ALJ”) under Rule 161 in granting a continuance (also discussed in In Re: Fortenberry, Admin. File No. 3-15858, Order therein Rel. No. 1800) are as follows:

(i) The length of the proceeding to date;

- (ii) The number of postponements, adjournments or extensions already granted;
- (iii) The stage of the proceedings at the time of the request;
- (iv) The impact of the request on the hearing officer's ability to complete the proceeding in the time specified by the Commission; and
- (v) Any other such matters as justice may require.

The Division mistakenly argues that extensions of time prior to the filing of the July 16, 2014 Order Instituting Proceedings (“OIP”) in this matter are properly considerable by the ALJ. Agreed upon extensions, or changes of counsel, prior to the OIP are not properly considerable under Rule 161 jurisprudence (which by its nature applies to administrative proceedings, not pre-administrative informal and formal investigations which are subject to other sets of rules). No extensions have been granted in this administrative proceeding (with the exception of the standard one granted after appointment of an ALJ).

The same holds for changes of counsel prior to the July 16, 2014 OIP. I have not changed counsel during the pendency of the present administrative proceedings. I further submit that, while my previous counsel had indicated to me his intent to withdraw, I was in active discussions with him up through November 2014 to attempt to have him reconsider his representation of me in this matter. Sadly those efforts failed.

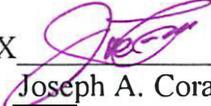
Finally I submit to the ALJ that without legal counsel in this matter, which as I argued in my original Verified Motion to Continue, I will be unable pro se to effectively represent myself at the final hearing. Forcing me to do so without a lawyer would constitute substantial prejudice, nonexclusively a denial of my due process. My request for a continuance/adjournment is therefore supported by good cause.”

Interlocutory review by the Commission is critical nonexclusively because whether or not to grant a continuance under the facts and arguments made by the parties and the ALJ involves substantial ground for difference of opinion, an immediate review of the ALJ's January 13, 2015 Order will materially advance the completion of the proceedings in that if successful it will accord all parties due process in enabling them to fully and fairly litigate their claims and defenses, and finally that sufficient time to procure counsel is necessary to accord Mr. Corazzi his rights of constitutional due process.

Finally Mr. Corazzi submits in further support of his request for continuance, and in support of this certification request, that without a sufficient continuance of the present scheduling deadlines and final hearing date that he will simply be unable to defend against the allegations contained in the OIP at a February 9, 2015 hearing.

Pursuant to 28 USC 1746 the undersigned hereby declares, certifies, verifies, and states upon first-hand knowledge, under oath, and under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the above statements are true and correct to the best of his knowledge.

Dated this 15th day of January, 2015.

X 

Joseph A. Corazzi, Pro Se Respondent








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Joseph A. Corazzi