UNITED STATES OF AMERICA Before the SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS RULINGS Release No. 4802/May 16, 2017

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING File No. 3-17857

In the Matter of

EDWARD RICHARDSON JR., CPA and EDWARD RICHARDSON JR.

STAY ORDER

On May 16, 2017, the parties submitted a joint motion to stay this proceeding based on their agreement in principle to a settlement on all major terms.

To permit Respondents to submit a signed settlement offer and the Securities and Exchange Commission to consider such offer, the joint motion is GRANTED, and the proceeding is STAYED, subject to compliance with Rule of Practice 161(c)(2), 17 C.F.R. § 201.161(c)(2), requiring the parties to promptly notify this office if any of the requirements of the rule are not met.

James E. Grimes Administrative Law Judge