## UNITED STATES OF AMERICA Before the SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING File No. 21292

In the Matter of

AMERITRUST CORPORATION,

Respondent

## STATUS REPORT AND MOTION FOR AN ORDER REQUIRING RESPONDENT TO CONTACT THE DIVISION OF ENFORCEMENT TO SCHEDULE A PREHEARING CONFERENCE

Pursuant to the Commission's Order dated November 22, 2023, the Division of Enforcement (the "Division") files this status report and motion requesting that the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") issue an order directing Respondent Ameritrust Corporation ("Respondent") to contact the Division's counsel to schedule a prehearing conference. In support, the Division states:

- 1. The Commission issued an order instituting proceedings ("OIP") against Respondent on February 1, 2023, pursuant to Section 12(j) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Respondent was properly served with the OIP but did not answer it. *See In re Ameritrust* Corporation, Release No. 99014, at 1 (Nov. 22, 2023).
- 2. On March 13, 2023, more than ten days after service, the Commission ordered Respondent to show cause by March 27, 2023, why the registration of its securities should not be revoked by default due to its failure to file an answer or otherwise to defend the proceeding. Respondent failed to respond to the order to show cause. *Id*.

- 3. On June 22, 2023, Respondent filed a letter with the Office of the Secretary stating that: Respondent's CEO passed away on March 7, 2023; a new CEO was elected on June 7, 2023; and the new CEO has not yet received "the company-related documents kept by the bereaved family." The filing promised that after receiving those documents, Respondent would "actively respond to" this proceeding, and it requested that the Commission postpone "the implementation of administrative procedures" for an unspecified length of time. The letter did not attach a certificate of service or otherwise indicate that it was served on the Division. *Id*.
- 4. On August 14, 2023, Respondent filed a second letter with the Office of the Secretary. The letter reiterated Respondent's request that the Commission postpone this proceeding. The letter further stated that Respondent intended to hire an attorney to respond to this proceeding and attached documents reflecting that Respondent had appointed a new registered agent on July 20, 2023 and was reinstated as a Wyoming corporation on August 8, 2023. The letter did not attach a certificate of service or otherwise reflect that it was served on the Division. *Id.* at 2.
- 5. The Division of Enforcement was not served with either of Respondent's letters and has been unable to contact Respondent to schedule a prehearing conference.
- 6. The Division requests that the Commission issue an order requiring Respondent to contact the Division's counsel Sandhya C. Harris by telephone (202.551.4882) or email (<a href="https://harrissan@sec.gov">harrissan@sec.gov</a>) by a date certain to schedule a prehearing conference.

WHEREFORE, the Division of Enforcement requests that the Commission issue an order requiring Respondent to contact the Division's counsel in this matter by a date certain to schedule a prehearing conference and for all other just and proper relief.

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I caused true copies of the foregoing paper to be served on the following on December 1, 2023, in the manner indicated below:

By UPS to:

AMERITRUST CORPORATION c/o Registered Agents Inc 30 N Gould St Ste R Sheridan, WY 82801 USA

By Email to:

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