

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
before the
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
Release No. 101024 / September 16, 2024

Admin. Proc. File No. 3-21011

In the Matter of
KARINA CHAIREZ

ORDER REQUIRING THE DIVISION OF ENFORCEMENT TO SERVE PAST FILINGS
AND ORDERS ON RESPONDENT AT HER CURRENT ADDRESS

On August 26, 2022, the Securities and Exchange Commission issued an order instituting proceedings (“OIP”) against Karina Chairez (“Respondent”) pursuant to Section 15(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.¹ After the OIP was personally served on Respondent at her October 3, 2023, criminal sentencing, the Commission issued an order on November 6, 2023, requiring Respondent to show cause why she should not be found in default for failing to file an answer to the OIP.² The Division of Enforcement subsequently filed a motion for entry of default and remedial sanctions on February 7, 2024, which it supplemented on April 12, 2024.³ In its motion, the Division requests that the Commission bar Respondent from the securities industry and from participating in any penny stock offering. As of the date of this order, Respondent has not responded to the OIP, the order to show cause, or the Division’s motion for sanctions or its subsequent submission in support of that motion.

Each of the orders issued and filings made after Respondent was personally served with the OIP was served on her by United States mail. Where, as here, a person cannot reasonably be served electronically, this method of service is consistent with Rules of Practice 141 and 150, which govern service of papers other than the OIP.⁴ But it appears that Respondent was in the

¹ *Karina Chairez*, Exchange Act Release No. 95619, 2022 WL 3703842 (Aug. 26, 2022).

² *Karina Chairez*, Exchange Act Release No. 98861, 2023 WL 7379371 (Nov. 6, 2023).

³ *Karina Chairez*, Exchange Act Release No. 99732, 2024 WL 1093666 (Mar. 13, 2024) (requesting additional briefing and materials from the parties).

⁴ See 17 C.F.R. § 201.141 (authorizing service of orders or decisions other than an OIP by any method of service authorized under Rule 150(d)); *id.* § 201.150(d)(2) (providing for service of papers by parties by “[m]ailing the papers through the U.S. Postal Service by first class, registered, or certified mail or express mail delivery addressed to the person”).

process of reporting to federal custody and may not have actually resided at the addresses to which the filings were sent. To ensure that Respondent has an opportunity to respond to the orders and filings docketed after she was personally served with the OIP, it is appropriate to order the Division to serve them on Respondent. The Commission notes that Respondent is now located at a federal correctional institution.⁵

Accordingly, the Division of Enforcement is ORDERED to SERVE on Respondent, pursuant to Rule of Practice 150(d),⁶ the following documents at her current place of incarceration by September 30, 2024: the Division's February 7, 2024, motion for entry of default; the Division's April 12, 2024, supplemental filing in support of that motion; the Commission's November 6, 2023, order to show cause; and the Commission's March 13, 2024, order requesting additional briefing and materials from the parties. After serving those documents, the Division shall file a certificate of service with the Commission's Office of the Secretary.

Upon review of the filings in response to this order, the Commission will direct further proceedings by subsequent order, including setting new response dates.

For the Commission, by the Office of the General Counsel, pursuant to delegated authority.

Vanessa A. Countryman
Secretary

⁵ See *Federal Bureau of Prison Inmate Locator*, <https://www.bop.gov/inmateloc/>.

⁶ 17 C.F.R. § 201.150(d).