

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

**SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**  
**Release No. 94191 / February 8, 2022**

**ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING**  
**File No. 3-20736**

**In the Matter of**

**MICHAEL OSWALD**  
**WILLIAMS,**

**Respondent.**

**ORDER INSTITUTING**  
**ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS**  
**PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(b) OF THE**  
**SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934,**  
**MAKING FINDINGS, AND IMPOSING**  
**REMEDIAL SANCTIONS**

**I.**

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 Michael Oswald Williams (“Respondent”).

**II.**

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 paragraph B.2 below, which are admitted, Respondent consents to the entry of this Order Instituting Proceedings (“Order”), as set forth below.

**III.**

On the basis of this Order and Respondent’s Offer, the Commission finds that

1. Williams was a salesperson for Petrobridge Energy LLC, where he sold the unregistered securities of the Petrobridge Starks #1 Joint Venture to investors. Williams acted as an unregistered broker in connection with the joint venture interest offerings. Williams, 60 years old, is a resident of Williamsburg, Virginia.

2. On January 7, 2022, a final judgment was entered by consent against Williams, permanently enjoining him from future violations of Sections 5(a) and 5(c) of the Securities Act of 1933 (“Securities Act”), Section 15(a) of the Exchange Act, in the civil action entitled Securities and Exchange Commission v. Timothy Burroughs, et al., Civil Action Number 4:20-cv-00994-SDJ, in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas.

3. The Commission’s complaint alleged that, in connection with the sale of joint venture interests, Williams sold unregistered securities and acted as an unregistered broker. Williams solicited investors and received transaction based compensation.

#### IV.

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

Accordingly, it is hereby ORDERED pursuant to Section 15(b)(6) of the Exchange Act, that Respondent Williams be, and hereby is barred from association with any broker, dealer, investment adviser, municipal securities dealer, municipal advisor, transfer agent, or nationally recognized statistical rating organization; 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, compliance with the Commission’s order and payment of any or all of the following: (a) any disgorgement or civil penalties ordered by a Court against the Respondent in any action brought by the Commission; (b) any disgorgement amounts ordered against the Respondent for which the Commission waived payment; (c) any arbitration award related to the conduct that served as the basis for the Commission order; (d) 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 (e) 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.

Vanessa A. Countryman  
Secretary