UNITED STATES OF AMERICA before the SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 Release No. 101315 / October 11, 2024

Admin. Proc. File No. 3-21211

In the Matter of

RICHARD GREGORY TILFORD

ORDER DIRECTING STATUS REPORT

On October 19, 2022, the Securities and Exchange Commission issued an order instituting administrative proceedings ("OIP") against Richard Gregory Tilford pursuant to Section 15(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.¹ On October 4, 2024, the Division of Enforcement filed a Status Report and Notice of Offer of Settlement, stating that it had received Tilford's signed offer of settlement from Tilford's counsel on October 2, 2024, and that the Division planned to seek Commission approval of this offer of settlement. The Division also requested a stay of this proceeding pending Commission consideration of the offer of settlement. We granted the Division's request and stayed this proceeding on October 8, 2024.²

The Commission subsequently received a letter from Tilford dated September 26, 2024. Tilford provided notice that Jeffrey King "is no longer my attorney as of today, September 26, 2024."³

Accordingly, it is ORDERED that the parties file a status report, either jointly or separately, by October 25, 2024, explaining what impact, if any, Tilford's September 26, 2024, letter has on Tilford's signed offer of settlement or the Commission's stay order.

¹ *Richard Gregory Tilford*, Exchange Act Release No. 96103, 2022 WL 13564463 (Oct. 19, 2022).

² *Richard Gregory Tilford*, Exchange Act Release No. 101274 (Oct. 8. 2024), https://www.sec.gov/files/litigation/opinions/2024/34-101274.pdf.

³ Tilford also requested an extension of time so that he could seek other counsel, but deciding that request appears premature given that we have stayed this proceeding.

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

Vanessa A. Countryman Secretary