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AZ CORP COMMISSION  
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IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NO. S-03437A-03-0000

TIERRA GROUP, aka TIERRA GROUP  
PROPERTIES, aka TIERRA GROUP COMPANIES,  
aka TIERRA GROUP, INC.  
10105 East Via Linda Drive, Ste. 103-330  
Scottsdale, AZ 85258

PRESERVATION TRUST CORPORATION, aka  
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PRESERVATION TRUST COMPANY,  
10105 East Via Linda Drive, Ste. 103-330  
Scottsdale, AZ 85258

PARTNERSHIP PRESERVATION TRUST, aka  
PARTNERSHIP PRESERVATION  
CORPORATION LIMITED PARTNERSHIP  
10105 East Via Linda Drive, Ste. 103-330  
Scottsdale, AZ 85258

CATERPILLAR FOUNDATION PROPERTIES,  
aka CATERPILLAR FOUNDATION PROPERTIES  
LIMITED PARTNERSHIP  
10105 East Via Linda Drive, Ste. 103-330  
Scottsdale, AZ 85258

RENE L. COUCH, a married man  
10727 East Palm Ridge Drive  
Scottsdale, AZ 85259

TERRY COUCH, a married woman  
10727 East Palm Ridge Drive  
Scottsdale, AZ 85259

Respondents.

Arizona Corporation Commission

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PROCEDURAL ORDER

**BY THE COMMISSION:**

On February 3, 2003, the Securities Division ("Division") of the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") filed a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing Regarding Proposed Order to Cease and Desist, Order for Restitution, Order for Administrative Penalties, and for Other

1 Affirmative Action ("Notice") against Tierra Group, aka Tierra Group Properties, aka Tierra Group  
2 Companies, aka Tierra Group, Inc., Preservation Trust Corporation, aka Preservation Corporation,  
3 aka Preservation Trust Company, Partnership Preservation Trust, aka Partnership Preservation  
4 Corporation Limited Partnership, Caterpillar Foundation Properties, aka Caterpillar Foundation  
5 Properties Limited Partnership, Rene L. Couch and Terry Couch (collectively "Respondents"), in  
6 which the Division alleged multiple violations of the Arizona Securities Act ("Act") in connection  
7 with the offer and sale of securities by fraudulent transactions.

8 The Respondents were duly served with a copy of the Notice.

9 On February 3, 2003, a request for hearing was filed for Mr. Couch.

10 On February 19, 2003, by Procedural Order, a pre-hearing conference was scheduled.

11 On March 12, 2003, a pre-hearing conference was held with the Division present with  
12 counsel. Mr. John Augustine, counsel for Mr. Rene Couch, was present and indicated that he had  
13 accepted service for the other entities that are participants in an involuntary bankruptcy proceeding in  
14 U.S. Bankruptcy Court where other counsel are involved. Although Mrs. Terry Couch was served  
15 with a copy of the Notice, she has not requested a hearing.

16 Counsel for the Division and Mr. Couch indicated that they are conducting settlement  
17 discussions, but stipulated that an additional pre-hearing conference should be scheduled in April,  
18 2003, in the event that the matter is not resolved.

19 On March 12, 2003, by Procedural Order, a pre-hearing conference was scheduled for April  
20 30, 2003.

21 On April 30, 2003, at the pre-hearing conference, the Division was present with counsel.  
22 Neither Mr. Couch nor any other Respondent entered an appearance or filed an Answer to the Notice.  
23 Counsel for the Division indicated that the Division had been unable to contact counsel for Mr.  
24 Couch, and that the matter was further complicated by the involuntary bankruptcy proceeding. The  
25 proceeding was recessed pending further action by the Division.

26 On October 7, 2004, the Division filed what was captioned "Motion to Recognize Securities  
27 Division Allegations as Admitted" ("Motion") which requests that the allegations stated in the Notice  
28 be admitted as fact due to the failure of Mr. Couch or any other Respondent to file a timely Answer to

1 the Notice. The Division acknowledged that it delayed its filing to allow Respondents time to  
2 address the problems arising from the involuntary bankruptcy proceeding from which disbursements, if  
3 any are made, will be disbursed. The Division indicated that the Motion had been served personally  
4 and also mailed to the individual Respondents on October 7, 2004. No Responses have been filed to  
5 the Division's Motion.

6 On October 28, 2004, by Procedural Order, the Division's Motion was granted.

7 On October 29, 2004, a new attorney for Respondent Rene L. Couch filed the following: a  
8 notice of appearance and request for hearing; an Answer to the Notice; and a Response to the  
9 Division's Motion arguing that Mr. Couch would be denied due process of law if he was not  
10 permitted to file his Answer and defend himself against the allegations contained in the Notice.

11 On November 5, 2004, by Procedural Order, the Division's Motion was vacated and a pre-  
12 hearing conference was scheduled for November 18, 2004.

13 On November 18, 2004, the Division and Respondent appeared with counsel. The parties  
14 were negotiating a possible form of Consent Order and agreed that another pre-hearing be scheduled  
15 in January, 2005, to schedule a hearing if the matter is not resolved.

16 On November 19, 2004, by Procedural Order, a pre-hearing was scheduled for January 6,  
17 2005.

18 On January 6, 2005, the Division and Respondent filed a joint stipulation to continue the  
19 January 6, 2005, pre-hearing for an additional 30 days to further pursue settlement negotiations. By  
20 Procedural Order, the proceeding was continued to February 10, 2005.

21 On February 1, 2005, the Division and Respondent telephonically requested an additional 30  
22 day continuance.

23 On February 2, 2005, by Procedural Order, the pre-hearing conference was continued to  
24 March 10, 2005.

25 On March 10, 2005, the Division and Respondent appeared with counsel at the pre-hearing  
26 conference. Although the parties are attempting to negotiate a settlement, the Division and  
27 Respondent agreed that a hearing should be scheduled at the beginning of June if a settlement is not  
28 reached.

1 Accordingly, a hearing should be scheduled.

2 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that a hearing shall be held on June 1, 2005, at 9:30 a.m., at  
3 the Commission's offices, 1200 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona.

4 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the parties shall also set aside June 2, and June 6, 2005, for  
5 additional days of hearing, if necessary.

6 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the parties shall exchange copies of their witness lists and  
7 exhibits, with courtesy copies provided to the presiding Administrative Law Judge by May 13, 2005.

8 DATED this 10<sup>TH</sup> day of March, 2005.



11 MARC E. STERN  
12 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

13 Copies of the foregoing mailed/delivered  
14 this 10<sup>TH</sup> day of March, 2005 to:

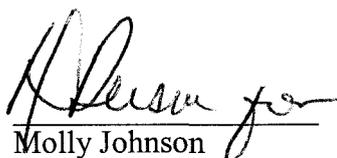
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