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COMMISSIONERS:

KRISTIN K. MAYES, Chairman
GARY PIERCE
PAUL NEWMAN
SANDRA D. KENNEDY
BOB STUMP

IN THE MATTER OF:

ENERGETICS, INC., a Nevada corporation;

STEVEN P. GIUFFRIDA and MICHELLE
GIUFFRIDA, husband and wife;

RODNEY PETERSON and VIRGINIA
PETERSON, husband and wife,

RESPONDENTS.

DOCKET NO. S-20648A-09-0010

FIFTEENTH
PROCEDURAL ORDER
(Denies Continuance)

BY THE COMMISSION:

On January 12, 2009, the Securities Division ("Division") of the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") filed a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing ("Notice") against Energetics, Inc. ("Energetics"), Stephen P. Giuffrida and Michelle Giuffrida, husband and wife (collectively "Respondents"), in which the Division alleged multiple violations of the Arizona Securities Act ("Act") in connection with the offer and sale of securities in the form of notes and/or investment contracts.

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

On January 23, 2009, a request for hearing was filed by the Respondents.

On January 27, 2009, by Procedural Order, a pre-hearing conference was scheduled on February 25, 2009.

On February 25, 2009, the Division and Respondents appeared with counsel to discuss issues arising from the Notice and stipulated to a status conference being scheduled after certain documents were reviewed.

On February 26, 2009, by Procedural Order, a status conference was scheduled for April 2, 2009.

1 On March 24, 2009, counsel for Respondents filed an Application for Withdrawal as Counsel
2 of Record (“Application”) pursuant to A.A.C. R14-3-104(E) and consistent with ER 1.16 stating that
3 Respondents had failed to meet their financial obligation for counsel’s services. Counsel further
4 stated that he had provided notice to the Respondents of pending matters related to the case, such as
5 discovery, and the previously scheduled Examination Under Oath of Mr. Giuffrida. Notice of the
6 Application was also provided to Respondents.

7 On April 1, 2009, by Procedural Order, the Application of counsel was granted.

8 On April 2, 2009, the status conference was held with the Division present with counsel and
9 Mr. Giuffrida appeared on his own behalf. The Division indicated that the parties are attempting to
10 reach a resolution in the proceeding, and requested that another status conference be scheduled in
11 approximately 30 days.

12 On April 3, 2009, by Procedural Order, a status conference was scheduled on May 7, 2009.

13 On May 7, 2009, at the status conference, the Division appeared with counsel and attorney
14 Jeffrey Proper entered an appearance on behalf of the Respondents. The parties indicated that they
15 are attempting to resolve the issues in the proceeding and the Division requested that a hearing be
16 scheduled in the fall. By Procedural Order, a hearing was scheduled on October 13, 2009.

17 On July 15, 2009, the Division filed a Motion to Amend the Notice filed on January 12, 2009,
18 by adding Rodney and Jane Doe Peterson as Respondents.

19 On July 30, 2009, counsel for the Giuffrida Respondents and Energetics filed a response
20 indicating that they did not oppose the amendment of the Notice. Subsequently, by Procedural Order,
21 the Division’s Motion to Amend the Notice was granted, and Rodney and Jane Doe Peterson,
22 husband and wife, were added as Respondents. It was further ordered that a hearing commence on
23 October 13, 2009, with additional days of hearing on October 14 and 15, 2009, if necessary.

24 On August 18, and 31, 2009, the Giuffrida Respondents and Energetics filed a request for
25 hearing and Answer to the Amended Complaint, respectively.

26 On September 3, 2009, by Procedural Order, it was ordered that all prior orders remain in
27 effect with respect to the commencement of the hearing and hearing dates.

28 On September 8, 2009, the Division and Giuffrida Respondents and Energetics filed a Joint

1 Stipulation to Continue Hearing and the Exchange of Witness Lists and Exhibits due to the joinder of
2 new Respondents and because the Division, pursuant to A.A.C. R14-4-303, required additional time
3 to provide service by publication of the Notice in this proceeding and to allow time for the filing of a
4 request for a hearing by the newly-named Respondents. The parties further requested that a status
5 conference be scheduled after November 9, 2009, to allow for service by publication of the Notice
6 and any subsequent request for hearing.

7 On September 9, 2009, the Joint Stipulation was granted and the hearing date vacated along
8 with the related date for the exchange of documents and witness lists. A status conference was
9 scheduled on November 19, 2009.

10 On September 28, 2009, Attorney Ron Kilgard of Keller Rohrback, P.L.C. filed a request for
11 hearing on behalf of Respondent Rodney Peterson.

12 On September 30, 2009, by Procedural Order, the hearing date was vacated and the newly
13 added Respondent, Rodney Peterson, was provided with notice of the present status of the proceeding
14 and with notice of the status conference scheduled on November 19, 2009.

15 On October 23, 2009, Notice of Appearance and Motion for an Extension of Time was filed
16 by a new attorney on behalf of Respondents Rodney and Virginia Peterson. Therein, it was
17 represented that Attorney Maureen Beyers of Osborn Maledon, P.A. would be substituting in place of
18 Mr. Peterson's first attorney who she indicates had withdrawn as counsel. Further, Ms. Beyers
19 requested the following extensions of time: to produce documents by October 28, 2009; to file an
20 Answer by November 23, 2009; and to appear for an examination under oath on December 3, 2009.

21 The Division's counsel indicated telephonically that there were no objections to the requested
22 extensions of time.

23 On October 29, 2009, by Procedural Order, the requested extensions were granted, and
24 Attorney Ron Kilgard was permitted to withdraw from the representation of the Peterson
25 Respondents. It was further ordered that the status conference take place as was previously ordered
26 on November 19, 2009

27 On November 19, 2009, at the status conference, the Division and Respondents appeared
28 through counsel. Although the parties were discussing a possible resolution of the proceeding, the

1 Division requested that a hearing be scheduled in the interim. The parties stipulated to a three day
2 hearing to commence on May 4, 2010. The parties also agreed to an exchange of Witness Lists and
3 copies of Exhibits prior to the hearing.

4 On November 20, 2009, by Procedural Order, a hearing was scheduled to commence on May
5 4, 2010, and other procedural matters were also addressed.

6 On April 9, 2010, the Division filed a Motion to Amend Caption to replace "Jane Doe
7 Peterson" with "Virginia Peterson," the correct name of Respondent Peterson's spouse.

8 On April 12, 2010, by Procedural Order, the caption was amended to reflect the correct name
9 of Mr. Peterson's spouse.

10 On April 23, 2010, the Division filed a Motion to Continue ("Motion") the hearing scheduled
11 on May 4, 2010, because a tentative settlement had been reached with the Peterson Respondents and
12 a Consent Order was submitted for Commission approval at its May 13, 2010 Open Meeting. The
13 Division indicated that the remaining Respondents did not object to the Motion. The Division also
14 requested that a pre-hearing conference be scheduled after the Commission's May 13, 2010 Open
15 Meeting to review the status of the proceeding.

16 On April 27, 2010, by Procedural Order, the hearing was continued and a pre-hearing
17 scheduled on May 20, 2010.

18 On May 13, 2010, the Commission approved a Consent Order with respect to the Peterson
19 Respondents.

20 On May 20, 2010, the Division and the respective Respondents appeared through counsel.
21 Counsel for the Peterson Respondents was granted leave to withdraw from the proceeding. Counsel
22 for the Division and counsel for Energetics and the Giuffrida Respondents agreed to the scheduling of
23 a hearing in September to avoid conflicts with other matters.

24 On May 24, 2010, by Procedural Order, a hearing with respect to the Energetics and the
25 Giuffrida Respondents was scheduled on September 28 and 29, 2010.

26 On August 25, 2010, counsel for the Energetics and Giuffrida Respondents filed a Motion to
27 Withdraw from the proceeding and represented that the Respondents had been advised of the
28 upcoming hearing on the allegations in the Notice.

1 On August 31, 2010, the Division filed a response to the pending Motion to Withdraw of
2 Respondents' counsel. The Division did not object to the withdrawal of counsel.

3 On September 2, 2010, by Procedural Order, counsel for the Energetics and Guiffrida
4 Respondents was granted leave to withdraw and the hearing was ordered to be held as previously
5 scheduled.

6 On September 23, 2010, Mr. Guiffrida filed a request for a six month continuance citing
7 personal difficulties as the reason for his request. The Division filed a response objecting to his
8 request and pointed out the age of the proceeding, the untimely nature of the request, and the fact that
9 the Division would still be required to proceed against Mrs. Guiffrida and Energetics if Mr.
10 Guiffrida's request was granted.

11 Under the circumstances, no further continuances should be granted unless all parties agree to
12 a continuance for a valid reason.

13 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the request for a six month continuance is hereby
14 denied.

15 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a **hearing shall be held on September 28 and 29, 2010, at**
16 **9:30 a.m.**, at the Commission's offices, 1200 W. Washington Street, Hearing Room 1, Phoenix,
17 Arizona, as previously ordered.

18 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that that in the event that a settlement is reached between
19 Respondents and the Division prior to the hearing that a Motion to Vacate be filed by the Division.

20 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Ex Parte Rule (A.A.C. R14-3-113 – Unauthorized
21 Communications) is in effect and shall remain in effect until the Commission's Decision in this
22 matter is final and non-appealable.

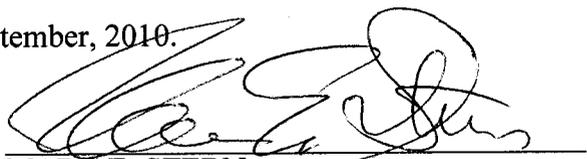
23 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all parties must comply with Rules 31 and 38 of the Rules
24 of the Arizona Supreme Court and A.R.S. § 40-243 with respect to practice of law and admission
25 *pro hac vice*.

26 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that withdrawal of representation must be made in compliance
27 with A.A.C. R14-3-104(E) and Rule 1.16 of the Rules of Professional Conduct (under Rule 42 of the
28 Rules of the Arizona Supreme Court). Representation before the Commission includes the obligation

1 to appear at all hearings and procedural conferences, as well as all Open Meetings for which the
2 matter is scheduled for discussion, unless counsel has previously been granted permission to
3 withdraw by the Administrative Law Judge or the Commission.

4 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Presiding Administrative Law Judge may rescind, alter,
5 amend, or waive any portion of this Procedural Order either by subsequent Procedural Order or by
6 ruling at hearing.

7 DATED this 27th day of September, 2010.


MARC E. STERN
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

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12 this 27th day of September, 2010 to:

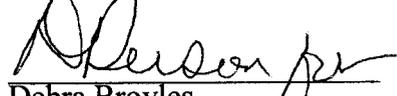
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